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Demonstrators protest outside of the White House in Washington against renewed U.S. involvement in Iraq. In charting a new phase of American military engagement in Iraq, President Barack Obama pledged that his war-weary country will not be “dragged back” into a lengthy conflict or become ensnarled in “mission creep.” But recent U.S. military history is full of warning signs about the difficulty of keeping even a limited mission from expanding and extending.

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Americans Wary of ‘Mission Creep’ In Iraq

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, in charting a new phase of American military engagement in Iraq, pledges that his war-weary country will not be “dragged back” into a lengthy conflict or

become ensnarled in “mission creep.”

But recent U.S. military history is full of warning signs about the difficulty of keeping even a limited mission from expanding and extending. The prospect that this latest mission in Iraq could follow that pattern is particularly risky for

Obama, given that he has staked so much of his legacy on having brought America’s long war there to a close.

Already some of the White House’s closest allies worry that Obama’s plan to send in 300 special operations forces to train the Iraqi military could be the first step

in pulling the U.S. back into Iraq’s violent sectarian fight.

“I think that you have to be careful sending special forces because that’s a number that has a tendency to grow,” said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, one of Obama’s staunchest sup-

porters.

Anna Galland, the executive director of the liberal group MoveOn.org, said even a limited mission “is a dangerous and troubling development that threatens to lead to broader military engagement.”

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US wary of 'mission creep'

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Indeed, the U.S. has seen small operations escalate before.

The conflict in Vietnam started with Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy sending limited numbers of military advisers to train and assist local forces. But those numbers increased over time and set the stage for

arrive soon in Iraq will join a previously announced contingent of 275 U.S. forces sent in the last week to secure the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and other American interests.

The deployments mark a sharp shift for a president who oversaw the full withdrawal of American forces from Iraq in late 2011 after Washington and Baghdad failed to reach an

of Iraq's problems is a political system that has excluded the country's Sunni minority.

"We do not have the ability to simply solve this problem by sending in tens of thousands of troops and committing the kinds of blood and treasure that has already been expended in Iraq," he said. "Ultimately, this is something that is going to have to be



President Barack Obama pauses as he talks will about the situation in Iraq at the White House in Washington. Obama acknowledged the risks of mission creep when he outlined plans to help Iraq combat the Islamic insurgency that has made gains with lightning speed, but he pledged that the U.S. will not be "dragged back" into a lengthy conflict or become ensnared in "mission creep."

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what ultimately became a years-long combat operation.

The wars that began in Iraq and Afghanistan in the last decade were intended to be combat missions from the start. Few people expected at the time that the Iraq war would drag on for more than eight years, the Afghan conflict for more than a dozen years, or that the U.S. troop presence in each country would peak above 100,000.

Obama acknowledged the risks of mission creep when he outlined plans Thursday to help Iraq combat the Islamic insurgency that has made gains with lightning speed and, according to administration officials, poses a threat to U.S. interests. The Green Beret military advisers set to

agreement to keep a few thousand troops in place. While Obama repeatedly has cited the end of the war as one of his chief achievements, his decision to return some troops to Iraq now raises the question of whether an asterisk ultimately may accompany that claim.

Administration officials insist Obama does not intend to commit the U.S. to another lengthy war in Iraq or put American forces in combat roles.

Signaling his reluctance to re-engage, Obama also decided to hold off launching airstrikes, though he left the prospect of targeted strikes on the table.

The president repeatedly made the case that expanding the U.S. military presence would do little good given that the root

solved by the Iraqis."

But there are few guarantees when it comes to sending Americans into Iraq's unstable security situation.

Though the troops are not being sent specifically for combat purposes, all are armed and have the right to defend themselves if they are in danger.

"As soon as you put troops or advisers in an area of conflict, they're at risk," said Julian Zelizer, a political history professor at Princeton University. "That is the nature of war.

It's unpredictable and it takes twist and turns that you don't foresee."

Iraq, with its huge sectarian divides, violent past and unstable politics, may be particularly susceptible to that kind of unpredictability. □

Iraq crisis offers a hint of vindication for VP Biden

JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Iraq edges toward chaos, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is having a quiet moment of vindication for a grim forecast that was dismissed by the Bush administration.

In 2006, Biden was a senator preparing for a presidential campaign when he proposed that Iraq be divided into three semi-independent regions for Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds. Follow his plan, he said, and U.S. troops could be out by early 2008. Ignore it, he warned, and Iraq would devolve into sectarian conflict that could destabilize the whole region.

The Bush administration chose to ignore Biden. Now, eight years later, the vice president's doom-and-gloom prediction seems more than a little prescient.

Old sectarian tensions have erupted with a vengeance as Sunni militants seize entire cities and the United States faults the Shiite prime minister for shunning Iraq's minorities. While the White House isn't actively considering Biden's old plan, Mideast experts are openly questioning whether Iraq is marching toward an inevitable breakup along sectarian lines.

"Isn't this the divided Iraq that Joe Biden predicted eight years ago?" read an editorial this week in The Dallas Morning News.

If there's a measure of vindication for Biden, it's come at the right time.

After staking his claim to leadership on foreign policy, Biden has watched his record come under sometimes bruising criticism, including former Defense Secretary Bob Gates' insistence that Biden has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy decision in four decades. And as he contemplates another presidential run, Biden's political clout has been eclipsed by that of former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Biden's office declined to comment.

"He's been right," said former Sen. Ted Kaufman, the longtime Biden aide and confidant who replaced him in the Senate. "But you'll be hard pressed to find an 'I did this' or 'I did that.' He's not an 'I told you so' kind of guy."

Modeled after the 1995 Dayton Accords that produced a framework for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the plan sought to establish an Iraqi state with three largely autonomous regions, one each for Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds. The central government in Baghdad would handle security and foreign affairs plus distribute the nation's vast oil revenues among the groups — the glue that would hold the three regions together. The plan became a cornerstone of Biden's second bid for the White House, but he lost to Obama in the Democratic primary.

The Bush administration didn't pursue Biden's plan. When the Senate voted overwhelmingly in 2007 to back it, Obama, then a senator, didn't vote. As president, Obama's approach has been to urge Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to stop excluding Sunnis and Kurds from the political process, rather than to devolve power away from the central government in Baghdad as Biden proposed.

In the White House, Obama and Biden sought to secure an agreement with Iraq to keep some U.S. forces there but didn't vehemently pursue it once those talks went nowhere. Now as Sunnis fight Shiites in Iraq once again, Obama is telling al-Maliki both publicly and privately that the U.S. won't reinsert itself into the conflict unless the Shiite-led government finds a way to accommodate minorities. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Rescuers search for American who drowned in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Rescuers are searching for the body of a 20-year-old American who drowned in rough waters off the coast of a beach in Rio de Janeiro state. The firefighter overseeing the rescue operation says American Richard Fu appears to have ignored red flags indicating the waters off Arraial do Cabo's Praia Grande beach weren't suitable for swimming and entered the ocean on Saturday with two American female friends. Firefighter Leonardo Cury says lifeguards managed to pull the two companions from the water but didn't arrive in time to save Fu. The beach about two hours from the city of Rio de Janeiro is popular with scuba divers and sunbathers. Cury said a team of 15 rescuers continued to search for Fu's body on Sunday.

Brazil ruling party ratifies president's re-election vote

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's ruling Workers Party this weekend formalized President Dilma Rousseff's bid for re-election in voting on Oct. 5. Speaking to 800 delegates at the party conference in Brasilia, Rousseff said she would lead the country to a "new development cycle and increase investments to improve social, educational and health services." Vice President Michel Temer again shares the ticket with her. Polls have consistently shown the 66-year-old president with a strong lead over her closest challenger, Sen. Aécio Neves. The latest poll from the Brazilian Institute of Public Opinion and Statistics showed her with a 39 percent to 21 percent lead over Neves. Rousseff, a former guerrilla who was imprisoned for more than three years and tortured during the 1964-1985 dictatorship was elected four years ago to replace former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who served two terms. □

US presses Egypt for more moderate policies

LARA JAKES

AP National Security Writer
CAIRO (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday made the highest-level American visit to Egypt since President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi took office as Washington presses the former army chief to adopt more moderate policies.

Economic and security problems are undermining Egypt's stability, and Kerry's visit signals an attempt by the Obama administration to thaw a relationship with a longtime Mideast ally that has cooled in recent years during the country's political turmoil.

"For Egypt, this is also a moment of high stakes as well as a moment of great opportunity," Kerry told reporters after meeting el-Sissi. Kerry then headed to Jordan as he began a weeklong trip to the Mideast and Europe.

Kerry said Egyptians want better economic opportunities, greater freedoms, a free press and the rule of law.

"We talked about that today and I think we really found ourselves on a similar page of changes that have yet to be made, promises that have yet to be fulfilled, but of a serious sense of purpose and commitment by both of us to try to help achieve those goals," he said.

Over the last year, in particular, the U.S. has watched warily as Cairo has outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist political opposition group that was ousted from power last

July.

U.S. officials cite hard-line policies — including the sentencing of hundreds of people to death in trials lasting only a few hours, and the jailing of journalists — in refusing to fund all of the \$1.5 billion in military and economic aid that Washington usually sends to Cairo each year.

The U.S. reluctance has fueled frustration among

Egypt is still calling for the U.S. to send the rest of its annual \$1.5 billion in aid, most of it for the military, which has been suspended until Washington believes Cairo is committed to democracy.

Officials say they have seen some small encouraging signs that el-Sissi is prepared to protect Egyptians' rights. They cite the issuing of tough penalties

respondents on trial on terrorism-related charges since February. A verdict was due Monday in a case that has caused an uproar and concerns for freedom of expression in Egypt.

"He gave me a very strong sense of his commitment to make certain that the process he has put in place, a re-evaluation of the human rights legislation, a re-evaluation of the judicial



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, meets with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry at a hotel in Cairo, Egypt Sunday, June 22, 2014. Kerry arrived Sunday in the Egyptian capital to meet with Egyptian officials including President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi in the highest-level American outreach since he took office. (AP Photo/Brendan Smalowski, Pool)

Egyptians who accuse the Obama administration of favoring the Muslim Brotherhood and starving Cairo of help at a time when the country's economy and security are at risk.

Earlier this month, the U.S. quietly agreed to send an estimated \$572 million to Egypt in military and security assistance on top of \$200 million in economic aid already delivered. But

for sexual assault against women and the freeing a jailed journalist who works for the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera TV.

Kerry said he discussed these issues with el-Sissi, adding that the president promised reviews of human rights issues and legislation.

Kerry also said they discussed the trial of three Al-Jazeera English cor-

respondents on trial on terrorism-related charges since February. A verdict was due Monday in a case that has caused an uproar and concerns for freedom of expression in Egypt.

Kerry also the Obama administration is working with the U.S. Congress to sort out differences over the rest of the money designated for Egypt.

"I'm confident that we will be able to ultimately get the full amount of aid," Kerry said. □

Cheney, Paul trade criticism over Iraq war

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Two prominent Republicans exchanged criticism over U.S. involvement in Iraq on dueling Sunday news shows. Potential presidential candidate Sen. Rand Paul, who represents the party's libertarian wing, criticized those who pushed the U.S. military invasion in Iraq and are now blaming the Obama administration for the aftermath it is dealing

with.

"What's going on now, I don't blame on President Obama," Paul said. "But I do blame the Iraq War on the chaos that is in the Middle East. I also blame those who are for the Iraq War for emboldening Iran. These are the same people now who are petrified of what Iran may become."

Former Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday he was a strong supporter of going into Iraq during the

George W. Bush administration and remains so now. Cheney dismissed Paul as an "isolationist" who "doesn't believe we ought to be involved in that part of the world. I think it's absolutely essential."

Cheney says the U.S. needs to be realistic about the threat of Sunni insurgents in Iraq, citing a Rand Corp. study that found that the number of jihadist terrorist groups have increased from North Africa to the

Mideast. "I think it's very important to emphasize that the problem we're faced with is a much broader one," Cheney said. "We need an administration to recognize the fact that we've got this huge problem, quit peddling the notion that they got core al-Qaida and therefore there's no problem out there." Paul spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press," Cheney appeared on ABC's "This Week." □

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US to fly migrants to California amid Texas crush

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol will fly nearly 300 Central American migrants from south Texas to California for processing, an official said, as the government seeks to ease the workload on agents at the nation's busiest corridor for illegal crossings.

There will be two flights Monday with 140 passengers each, Paul Beeson, chief of the Border Patrol's San Diego Sector, said this weekend.

The two flights were expected to continue every three days, Beeson told The Associated Press, but it's unclear for how long. They will be mostly for families with young children but also carry adults. There will be no unaccompanied children. The flights to California are

the government's latest response to a surge of Central Americans entering Texas' Rio Grande Valley, where the Border Patrol has made more than 174,000 arrests since Oct. 1. Most are from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency will decide whether the Central Americans remain in custody or are released while they are in deportation proceedings. ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack declined to comment on how the agency will respond.

The government has been actively looking for additional detention space — primarily for mothers with young children — since large numbers of Central Americans have overwhelmed U.S. authorities in south Texas. ICE



Border Patrol agents process a group of migrants from Honduras and Guatemala, mostly women and children, found walking near the Rio Grande near McAllen, Texas.

(Jennifer Whitney/The New York Times)

has only one detention center designed for families, an 85-bed facility in Pennsylvania that was once a nursing home.

The government is planning a 700-bed center in New Mexico that U.S. Rep. Steve

Pearce told the Roswell Daily Record would be only for families.

Beeson didn't know if flights were planned from south Texas to destinations outside California, and the Border Patrol's parent agency, Customs and Border Protection, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. The Border Patrol flew a large number of families from Texas to Tucson, Arizona, in late May, drawing criticism from Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer when ICE later dropped them off at bus stations there.

U.S. border authorities have detained more than 39,000 adults with young children from October through May. A number have been released, but the Department of Homeland Security has refused to say how many and whether they failed to appear in immigration court. Thousands of immigrant children fleeing poverty and violence in Central America to cross alone into the United States can live in American cities, attend public schools and possibly work here for years without consequences.

The chief reasons are an overburdened, deeply flawed system of immigration courts and a 2002 law in-

tended to protect children's welfare, an Associated Press investigation finds.

Driving the dramatic increases in these immigrants is the recognition throughout Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador that children who make the dangerous trip can effectively remain in the U.S. for years before facing even a moderate risk of deportation.

The Obama administration estimates it will catch 90,000 children trying to illegally cross the Mexican border without their parents by the end of the current budget year in September. Last year, the government returned fewer than 2,000 children to their native countries.

The administration has asked Congress for \$2 billion to spend on the issue.

"They almost never go home," said Gary Mead, who until last year was director of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office responsible for finding and removing immigrants living in the country. "It's not a process that ultimately ends in easy resolutions or clear-cut resolutions."

The situation is widely perceived as becoming a humanitarian crisis at the border. The system is now so overwhelmed that children are being housed in Border Patrol facilities ill-equipped to handle them.

The government has asked the military to open temporary shelters in Texas, Oklahoma and California.

U.S. officials, including the Homeland Security secretary, the White House domestic policy council director and the Customs and Border Protection commissioner have described immigrant families' concerns about education, jobs and personal safety in their home countries as driving the rise in border crossings. □

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Billions at risk as West Coast port contract ends

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The West Coast ports that are America's gateway for hundreds of billions of dollars of trade with Asia and beyond are no stranger to labor unrest and even violence.

Now, the contract that covers nearly 20,000 dockworkers is set to expire, and businesses that trade in everything from apples to iPhones are worried about disruptions just as the crush of cargo for the back-to-school and holiday seasons begins.

With contentious issues including benefits and job security on the table, smooth sailing is no guarantee.

On one side is the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, with its tradition of fierce activism dating to the Great Depression of the 1930s, when two of its members were killed during a strike. On the other is the Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines and operators of terminals at 29 West Coast ports. Both acknowledge that they are unlikely to agree on a new contract before the current one expires on June 30, but they plan to negotiate past that deadline. That would fit the pattern from contract talks in 2008 and 2002. In 2002, negotiators didn't reach an agreement until late November, following an impasse that led to a 10-day lockout and a big disruption in trade.

The union's total control over the labor pool means huge bargaining leverage, which negotiators have parlayed into higher wages and benefits. A full-time longshoreman earns about \$130,000 a year, while foremen earn about \$210,000, according to employer data. Workers pay nearly nothing for health insurance coverage that includes no premiums and \$1 prescriptions.

Neither side has publicly discussed progress on negotiations that began May 12 in San Francisco, which is headquarters to the union and the maritime association.



Shipping containers are unloaded from the APL Singapore vessel at the port of Los Angeles. The West Coast ports that are America's gateway for hundreds of billions of dollars of trade with Asia and beyond are no stranger to labor unrest and even violence. Now, the contract that covers nearly 20,000 dockworkers is set to expire, and businesses that trade in everything from apples to iPhones are worried about disruptions — as the summer cargo crush begins.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

Twelve years ago, the shut-down had a lasting impact on how products moved in and out of the United States. Hulking cranes idled. Ships anchored in San Francisco Bay and outside ports from Los Angeles to Seattle. Economists estimated the impact at \$1 billion each day.

Even after trade resumed, retailers — with their just-in-time supply chain — worried that West Coast ports risked becoming a bottleneck. Companies looked to Gulf Coast and East Coast ports, which courted them by upgrading facilities.

"They can't afford to have their goods hung up either out on the sea or on the docks," said Jonathan Gold, vice president of supply chain and customs policy at the National Retail Federation.

Between 2002 and last year, the portion of shipping containers that came into the U.S. through West Coast ports dropped from 50 percent to 44 percent, according to a study by Martin Associates, a firm that analyzes transportation systems. Imports to the Gulf of Mexico and the Northeast increased.

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Civil Rights:

A museum to summon the past, showcase the present

ALAN BLINDER

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ATLANTA - Far from his typical Broadway haunts, the director George C. Wolfe was walking through a construction site here this spring when, amid a cacophony of saws and drills, he stopped and stood before what was to become a replica of a lunch counter that he said would claw visitors back into history. The display at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Wolfe said, would allow people to don headphones, rest their hands on the counter and hear a volley of heckles similar to what demonstrators heard during the civil rights movement.

"You're in the moment," Wolfe, the center's chief creative officer, said, his voice rising. "You're in the times. You're experiencing the euphoria and the danger that was existing at the time."

For Wolfe and the museum's supporters, summoning the South's past in a dramatic way is an unequalled opportunity

for Atlanta to showcase a present well beyond CNN, Coca-Cola and a vast international airport. Civic boosters contend that the museum will fuel tourism, broaden the city's reputation and become a place that could host international human rights events.

Whether the \$80 million complex - backed by a mix of public and private funding, with the land donated by Coca-Cola - will fulfill the entirety of that lofty vision is a question that could take decades to answer. But Doug Shipman, the center's chief executive, said it would be both a vivid link to the city's rich civil rights history and a prod toward social change.

"This isn't about specialists," Shipman said. "This isn't about academics. This is trying to take a 15-year-old and move them to interest and inspiration."

The center, set along the northern edge of Pemberton Place, an area honoring the pharmacist who created Coca-Cola, is scheduled to open Monday and will be the latest

Southern museum to honor the region's civil rights heritage. Birmingham, Alabama, and Memphis, Tennessee, are among the cities that host popular

plex - the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, which includes King's birthplace and Ebenezer Baptist Church - as well as the Jimmy Carter Presiden-

of directors.

Backers hope the center will help Atlanta attract significant international gatherings, like the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laure-



A visitor walks past the entrance to an exhibition on the American civil rights movement, in Atlanta, June 17, 2014. Supporters hope the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, opening Monday in Atlanta, will fuel tourism, broaden the city's reputation and host international human rights events.

(Dustin Chambers/The New York Times)

museums, and another is planned in Jackson, Mississippi.

Atlanta already has a celebrated civil rights com-

mial Library and Museum. But people here say the new center symbolizes a deeper embrace of public and cultural issues.

"The city that is too busy to hate was, until recently, the city that was too busy to think about its history," said Jamil S. Zainaldin, the president of the Georgia Humanities Council. "I think Atlanta is catching up to itself now. It is now a city with a heritage."

But the center does not focus solely on civil rights history. To Shipman and his supporters, its parallel emphasis on contemporary human rights issues - one gallery includes a news ticker and a map documenting the state of freedom around the world - represents a fresh approach to teaching and applying the lessons of history.

"If it was the National Center for Civil Rights, you would not see the support that you're seeing for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights," said Ernest L. Greer, an Atlanta lawyer who is the chairman of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and a member of the museum's board

ates, which is scheduled to take place here in 2015.

But some experts are skeptical that the city will ever be the site of landmark international agreements, partly because they see the museum as more of a tourist magnet than a center of action.

"The marketing and the development has taken priority over the substance of the content," said Dabney P. Evans, the executive director of Emory University's Institute of Human Rights, who said the center still needed to establish the standing that would allow it to entice and organize major events.

"Having a facility and a museum is not enough if you don't have the credibility," Evans said. "There are lots of other places to go, and they may not have a big center, but they do have the substantive subject matter expertise and the credibility."

The center could, though, become a major asset for Atlanta as the country observes anniversaries tied to civil rights in the coming years, and tourism officials believe it will help the city lure more travelers. □

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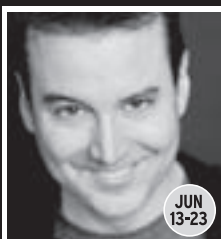
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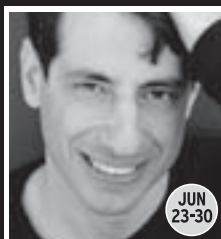
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MARBLETOWN, N.Y. - Standing at the edge of an overgrown field, Charles Noble, 65, cups his hands around his mouth and yells, "Mooowaaaahhh." He hopes his bovine impression will motivate 68 cattle to follow him to a nearby creek. His herd is apparently not thirsty, preferring to munch on tall grass.

When Noble, a retired actuary and school administrator, started Movable Beast Farm with his wife in 2006, he would "get totally freaked out and have a battle of wills with the cows." Now, he reacts with calm and temporarily stops herding to avoid upsetting the animals.

"Stress is the worst thing you can do for them in terms of quality" of meat, said Noble, a trim, tanned man with a white goatee. He sells grass-fed beef primarily by word of mouth. "In order to make any money in agriculture at this scale, you really need to be direct marketing," said Noble, whose company earned a profit for the first time last year.

But money is not his primary motivation. Noble waited much of his life to realize his cowboy dreams.

"When I was younger," he said, "I never wanted to work inside at a desk," so, of course, he said, he spent "30 years working inside, at a desk."

Although new agricultural enterprises typically demand long hours and phys-

2013 Economic Report of the President notes that "the average age of U.S. farmers and ranchers has been increasing over time." One-third of beginning farmers - defined by the federal government as having been in business

Brett Olson, co-founder of Renewing the Countryside, a nonprofit in Minneapolis, has noticed more gray hair at the New Farmer Summit, a conference for aspiring agrarians. Olson's organization offers a workshop at the annual event that it

programs devote considerable resources to promoting agricultural startups. Many states offer preferential tax treatment of farmland. The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a nonprofit in Cambridge, Massachusetts, compiles the various tax breaks on its online database.

The Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency recently reduced the paperwork required to apply for its microloan program, which provides recipients low-interest loans of up to \$35,000.

The federally financed Cooperative Extension System provides farmers and others with access to advisers, classes and research, often free.

Sandra C. Winokur, 74, acknowledges that she lacked a formal plan when she founded Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmen-dorf, Texas, in 1997. "I just threw myself into it and learned on the job, though I probably would have not made as many mistakes as I did had I written a business plan," Winokur said. If she had written a business plan, however, she might have become discouraged. "There were no olive orchards at the time in Texas," she said. □



Charles Noble, a retired actuary and school administrator who started Movable Beast Farm with his wife in 2006, with some of his cattle, in Stone Ridge. Though new agricultural enterprises typically demand long hours and physical stamina, some retirees turn to farming as a chance to keep active and earn an income.
(Phil Mansfield/The New York Times)

ical stamina, many retirees turn to farming as a way to keep active and earn an income - or, like Noble, to at least supplement Social Security. The White House's

fewer than 10 years - "are over age 55, indicating that many farmers move into agriculture only after retiring from a different career."

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BRAINTREE, Mass. - An idea came to Ronald M. Shaich, chief executive of Panera Bread, as he was driving his children to school about four years ago: What if everyone could order lunch the way he did?

The Shaich household's morning routine included a call to the manager of the nearest Panera location to order lunch for Shaich's son (Asian sesame chicken salad with half the normal amount of chicken and twice the won ton strips) and daughter (various salads but with dressing on the side). The family then hopped in the car, stopping on the way to school to pick up the lunches. "It suddenly occurred to me that this was a wonderful system for the CEO, but what about the other 8 million people who order from Panera?" Shaich said.

"Everyone else got in line to get to the register, then got

in another line where they had to play a game called Go Find Your Food," he said.

so drink, we sent them to a fourth line."

So, the corporate chieftain

\$100,000 per oven - in each of its 1,200 restaurants. Together with tableside tab-

new appetizer or a coupon over my app, the restaurant that offered it better have the supplies in inventory and a kitchen system that can produce it when I want it," said Scott A. Rosenberger, leader of Deloitte Consulting's travel, hospitality and leisure practice. "The reality of it is that there is tremendous potential upside, but execution is a challenge."

"While the growth of couponing and online check-in and ordering is expanding rapidly, we don't think that's really where the future lies," Rosenberger said. "The research says overwhelmingly that the future lies in offering games, awards, entertainment and other ways of keeping me engaged without being creepy and digging too far into my privacy." Chili's has teamed up with Ziosk, a company that offers a tabletop small tablet with a menu, ordering options, games and a payment system. Austen Mulinder, chief executive at Ziosk, says roughly 20 million transactions a month take place over the company's system. Roberts of Chili's said about a fourth of the customers answered a survey about their experience, providing feedback. The system is so sophisticated that it can ask different questions to customers based on their orders, soliciting opinions on a new special or dessert item. A customer who has a coupon can opt to switch on a camera that will read it, or use the camera to upload a photo to Facebook or Pinterest. Chili's pays Ziosk a monthly service fee, but if enough customers opt to pay to play games on the system - trivia is the most popular game at Chili's - it can make that money back under a revenue-sharing agreement. □



Shannon Taylor uses a tabletop electronic tablet to order items off of Chili's menu in Little Falls, N.J. Restaurants have been late to the tech party, but now chains like Panera Bread and Chili's are using apps and tablets to improve food preparation, ordering and payment, and to entertain customers.
(Matt Rainey/The New York Times)

"For drinks, they had to go to another line, and if they wanted any kind of expres-

who had once declared that "the food business is not a technology business" has spent \$42 million to update Panera. "The goal is to eliminate friction points so that customers have a better experience," Shaich said, "because if they have a better experience, it will help our business."

Restaurants have been late to the tech party, and many are now scrambling to incorporate tablets, apps, computerized kitchen equipment and data analysis capabilities. Applebee's is trying out online ordering and tablet payment systems, and in Asia, McDonald's has been testing what it calls the Happy Table, an interactive table that "plays" with children using mobile devices.

Chili's Grill & Bar has added computerized ovens that use conveyor belts, infrared technology and hot air to prepare food - at a cost of

lets that allow customers to reorder desserts and alcoholic drinks as well as pay their bills and play games without the help of a waiter, new technology has helped Chili's address one of its customers' biggest complaints - slow service - and add higher-margin items to its menu. "These things have helped our customers expedite and control their experience more, which in turn is good for our business," said Wyman Roberts, chief executive of Brinker International, which operates Chili's and Maggiano's Little Italy. But Roberts also noted that incorporating technology carried risks. Even in a world increasingly run off iPadlike devices using apps like Uber that increase customization, consumers can still be put off by technology they perceive as annoying or unable to deliver on what it promises.

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Sunni militants capture major Iraqi border post with Syria

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BAGHDAD - Sunni militants have gained control of a major Iraqi post on the Syrian border and several nearby towns, the Iraqi government said Sunday, trying to cast a positive light on what it and Western officials described as a worrisome development by saying Iraqi troops had made a "tactical decision" to withdraw from the locations.

The Iraqi prime minister's top military spokesman, Gen. Qassim Atta, said in his briefing Sunday that Iraqi army troops had left the al-Qaim border post, and the towns of Rawaa and Ana, but that the units were joining the battle elsewhere.

"As a tactical procedure to reopen the military forces in al-Jazeera and al-Badiyah security operation field, the security forces in Rawaa, Ana and Qaim withdraw from these areas to reinforce other troops in other areas," Atta said.

He did not mention whether the army had also fought in the small western town of Rutba, but local officials there said the militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant had driven in with 50 trucks late Saturday, burned the police station and clashed briefly with the police before taking control.

"Around 50 vehicles full of militants and weapons came from Houran valley and after sporadic clashes with police they took control over the central town," said Ratif al-Ubaid, a member of the Rutba local council. "Then they left a group of them to secure the town and then headed toward the border."

And on Sunday evening it appeared that the police had fled from the last

post at the Syrian border that had remained in the army's hands, at Al-Waleed, allowing the militants to enter. The loss of the border post was not confirmed, but the frightened police, reached by phone, said that the army had already left and that the police had scattered when the militants arrived in trucks. Some went to the Syrian side of the border, if they had family there, and others stayed on the Iraqi side, a police source said. The militants seem intent on methodically consolidating their hold on the large Sunni provinces to the west and north as the Iraqi army focuses on securing Baghdad, the capital.

The militants already have considerable strength in Anbar province, but it has been mainly in remote villages and towns, with the exception of Fallujah, which they have also seized. Now, with the taking of the border post of al-Qaim after a three-day fight and nearby towns, they will be able to move on the road that leads to the city of Haditha, where there is a major dam. On Sunday the government was reinforcing its troops there, anxious to secure the dam.

During the Qaim battle, it appeared that 70 volunteers who had left Baghdad to join the fighting on the side of the Iraqi army were killed in an ambush. They were traveling in food freezer trucks to camouflage their arrival, but it seemed the militants knew they were on their way, a police officer said on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters. The militants have allowed him to remain in his job, he said. □



Men wearing mock explosives march in a vast parade of Shiite militias through the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad, June 21, 2014. Though members of the Mahdi army say they aim to defend the country against Sunni extremists, the patchwork mobilization of Shiites is likely to exacerbate the sectarian tensions that have allowed Sunni militants to succeed in Iraq's north. (Tyler Hicks/The New York Times)

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Russia's Putin calls for compromise in Ukraine

LYNN BERRY
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin publicly expressed support Sunday for Ukraine's declaration of a cease-fire in its battle against pro-Russian separatists and called on both sides to negotiate a compromise. Putin said such a compromise must guarantee the rights of the Russian-speaking residents of eastern Ukraine, who must feel like they are "an integral part" of their own country. Putin's statement appeared to signal that he sees their future in Ukraine.

Separatists in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions have declared independence and asked to join Russia. Moscow has rebuffed their appeals, but is seen by Ukraine and the West as actively supporting the insurgency. Putin's conciliatory words came as Russia began large-scale military exercises and after NATO accused Russia of moving troops back toward the Ukrainian border. Putin appears determined to keep up the pressure to force the Kiev government to give the eastern industrial regions more powers and

to prevent Ukraine from moving too close to the European Union or NATO. But he also wants to avoid more punishing sanctions from the U.S. and particularly from the E.U., whose leaders will meet Friday in Brussels, and therefore needs to be seen as cooperating with efforts to de-escalate the conflict. The Kremlin initially dismissed the peace plan that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko laid out on Friday. But in a statement issued late Saturday, Putin said he welcomed the cease-fire and Poroshenko's "intention to take other concrete steps to reach a peaceful



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, right, speak to each other as they take a part in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside Moscow's Kremlin Wall, in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, June 22, 2014, to mark the 73rd anniversary of the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

settlement." As part of his plan, Poroshenko suggested a decentralization of power to give the regions more political authority. □

2 Palestinians killed in West Bank raid

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops shot dead a mentally ill Palestinian who approached them in a West Bank refugee camp Sunday, the army said, while another Palestinian was killed in clashes in the city of Ramallah. Sunday's deaths brought to four the number of Palestinians killed since Israel launched its most extensive military operation in the West Bank in years after the abduction of three Israeli teens on June 12. Israel has arrested more than 350 Palestinians, most affiliated with the Islamic militant Hamas, and raided some 1,600 locations. Israel has blamed the kidnappings on Hamas, which has praised the act, but not claimed responsibility. The sweeps have led to

growing confrontations after years of relative calm. Increasingly, Israeli troops entering towns and refugee camps are met by crowds of Palestinian stone-throwers. Eleven human rights groups urged the Israeli military on Sunday to refrain from collective punishment of the Palestinian population. "Overall, the measures adopted and their extent do not seem to serve a military need that can justify the damage they have caused," they wrote. There were also signs of growing Palestinian anger at Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas who has defended his decision to continue security coordination with Israel, including in the search for the teens. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that he has "un-

equivocal proof" of Hamas involvement in the abductions. He said he is sharing this evidence with several countries and will make it public soon. Abbas, meanwhile, said he has "no credible information" that Hamas was involved. "When Netanyahu has such information, he needs to update me and we will take care of the matter according to our own laws," he told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz. In Ramallah, Israeli troops entered the downtown area at about 2 a.m. Sunday, searching offices in two commercial buildings. Several hundred Palestinians threw stones and flower pots at soldiers who fired live bullets and rubber-coated steel pellets, said Issam Rimawi, a photographer for a local newspaper. □



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Big voter turnout in Hong Kong poll

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HONG KONG - Participation in an informal poll to gauge Hong Kong's desire for democracy is exceeding expectations, helped by hundreds of volunteers across the former British colony who are reaching potential voters in subway stations and shopping malls.

Three days into a 10-day voting period, more than 600,000 ballots had been cast Sunday, or more than one-sixth of the number of registered voters in Hong Kong.

Organizers had said publicly that they hoped for at least 100,000 participants in a poll that has been condemned as "illegal and invalid" by the central government in Beijing. Most votes have been cast online, through a website or by smartphone, but on Sunday polling centers opened across Hong Kong, and people voted in curtained booths.

The poll is nonbinding and does not have the backing of the Hong Kong government.

People who participate are choosing among three possible methods for selecting Hong Kong's chief executive, the city's top official. The current holder of that office, Leung Chun-ying, said Friday that none of the proposals would be permitted under the legal framework set up to govern Hong Kong following its 1997 return to Chinese sovereignty. The group overseeing the poll, Occupy Central With Love and Peace, has vowed to disrupt the city's main business district if the Hong Kong government, in consultation with Beijing, puts forth a nomination plan that doesn't meet international standards for free and fair elections.

While China has agreed to allow Hong Kong to pick the chief executive by universal suffrage in 2017,

the referendum's organizers say that the nomination process will be skewed to only allow a vote for a Beijing-approved candidate. □

From right to left, Occupy Central co-organizer Chan Kin-man, Benny Tai and Chu Yiu-ming, pose at a polling center with a ballot for an unofficial referendum in Hong Kong Sunday, June 22, 2014.
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With murder common, Jamaica morgue plans stall

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

SPANISH TOWN, Jamaica

(AP) — Corpses, the suspected victims of violent deaths, are wrapped in plastic bags or covered loosely in stained sheets. There is no air conditioning and the room quickly becomes sweltering as the tropical sun beats down on the metal roof. A black fly buzzes around the room amid the smell of decay.

A Jamaican forensic pathologist and his sweating assistants can merely shrug at the primitive conditions in the facility, which doesn't even have an x-ray machine to find bullet fragments.

"What can I say? The lack of resources is definitely a challenge," Dr. S.N. Prasad Kadiyala said as he waited for police officers to show up so he could start autopsies on a recent morning inside a hospital complex in gritty Spanish Town, on the edge of the Jamaican capital.

Jamaica has had one of the highest homicide rates

in the world for years, but its capacity to deal with the wave of killings has not kept pace. While the Caribbean country has made some gains in the gathering and processing of evidence, one of its biggest challenges is simply finding adequate places to store and study the dead.

The island has not had a national morgue since the 1970s despite widespread agreement that autopsies are often performed in facilities so inadequate that investigations are placed in jeopardy, said Hayden Baldwin, who has worked as a forensic consultant to Jamaica's police force.

"I have never seen such deplorable conditions and lack of support from a government to resolve these issues," said Baldwin, a retired Illinois state police officer and director of Forensic Enterprises, Inc. of Orland Park, Illinois.

In a report on global homicides released earlier this year, the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime listed Jamaica as having the



This Tuesday, June 10, 2014 photo shows the morgue entrance to the House of Tranquility private funeral home, in Kingston, Jamaica. The Caribbean island has long had one of the world's highest homicide rates, but it has not had a public morgue for decades even though political leaders have vowed to build one. Instead, funeral homes like the House of Tranquility have a special arrangement with the government to store and collect bodies to be autopsied.

(AP Photo/David McFadden)

world's sixth highest homicide rate. About a decade ago, it had the highest. The island of 2.7 million people has seen 1,000-plus killings every year since 2004, mostly in slums far from the beach resorts.

Relatively few murders are solved. The conviction rate for homicides is 5 percent, according to a 2013 U.S. State Department report. Political leaders have vowed over the years to construct a modern public morgue, especially after the botched 2007 death investigation of Pakistan cricket coach Bob Woolmer, who died unexpectedly while the island hosted the sport's World Cup. That year, Peter Phillips, then national security minister, said the Woolmer case "brought into focus the need for the most up-to-date forensic capabilities possible, including most im-

portantly the construction of a new public morgue." Seven years later, Jamaica has steadily improved some aspects of its forensic investigations, including securing more specialized microscopes to evaluate ballistics. But officials say the cost of building a morgue must be considered against competing budget demands. Under a system revamped several years ago, just over a dozen private funeral homes around the island have government contracts to collect and store corpses awaiting autopsies. Several mortuaries also provide space and equipment several times a week for the country's three forensic pathologists. Pathologists and some morticians say the funeral homes are paid so little — just \$6 to \$10 per body per day for storage — that they

have little interest in keeping the corpses at the correct temperature because of the high cost of energy, about five times the cost in much of the United States. "The remuneration from the government is not commensurate with what the private funeral homes put into it," said Joseph Cornwall, director of the House of Tranquility, an established Kingston funeral home that stores bodies for the government.

He said his business keeps the corpses to be autopsied at the right temperature, but Kadiyala believes funeral homes often don't do so.

Activists and some politicians say officials could resolve the protracted problem if they wanted.

"Whatever the government really wants to do, they usually find the money. □

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ing a restaurant owner also is that you get to be the first that gets to try the dishes. Who wouldn't want that?" He finds it a surreal experience to see happy faces every day not only for the food they are serving but also for the gratitude he receives from guests visiting the restaurant. "There are a lot of restaurants out there with great food, but what you cannot find elsewhere on Aruba, and rarely in the world, is a restaurant where the owner is the entertainment and also walks around talking to his guests every single night. To me it is like having a huge house, with interesting guests every day with whom I can (sometimes) sit and have a chat with, talking about myself, my passion, Aruba and of course learn from our guests where they are from, what they do and most important of all why they chose Aruba. The best days at the restaurant are those when there is any type of celebration, we love singing "happy birthday" to our guests and see their reaction, we have

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prompting the couple to open a full-fledge restaurant again. The soft opening during FIFA World Cup 2014 game Spain Vs Netherlands brought many of the Dutch team fans into the restaurant for a much enjoyed afternoon of delicious food and drink. The restaurant will be opening full time on Wednesday, June 18th,



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Michelle Wie reacts after winning the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Sunday, June 22, 2014. Associated Press

Michelle Wie holds on to win U.S. Women's Open

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PINEHURST, North Carolina

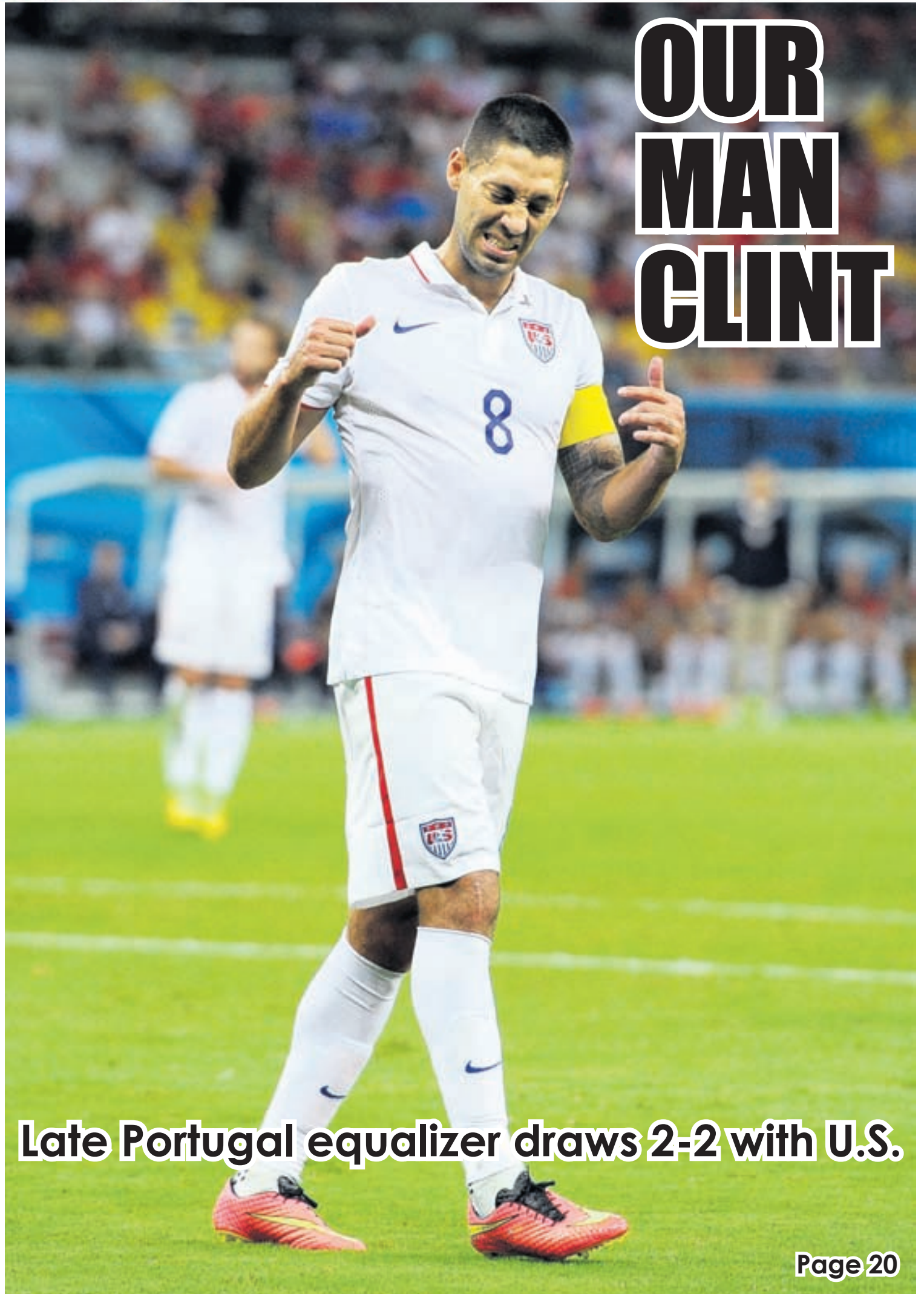
(AP) — Michelle Wie finally delivered a performance worthy of the hype that has been heaped on her since she was a teenager. Wie bounced back from a late mistake at Pinehurst No. 2 to bury a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, sending the 24-year-old from Hawaii to her first major championship Sunday, a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis in the U.S. Women's Open.

Wie closed with an even-par 70 and covered her mouth with her hand before thrusting both arms in the air.

Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf, made her work for it. She made eight birdies to match the best score of the tournament with a 66, and then was on the practice range preparing for a playoff when her caddie told her Wie had made the sharp-breaking birdie putt on the 17th.

Lewis returned to the 18th green to hug the winner after other players doused Wie with champagne.

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Late Portugal equalizer draws 2-2 with U.S.

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United States' Clint Dempsey reacts to a play during the group G World Cup soccer match between the USA and Portugal at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil, Sunday, June 22, 2014. Associated Press

Kevin Steelman wins Travelers Championship

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Associated Press

CROMWELL, Connecticut

(AP) — Kevin Steelman birdied the last seven holes to win the Travelers Championship by a stroke Sunday at TPC River Highlands. Steelman shot his second straight 6-under 64 to finish at 15-under 265. He broke the tour record for consecutive closing birdies by a winner of six set by Mike Souchak in the 1956 St. Paul Open.

"It's probably my favorite nine holes on the PGA Tour," Steelman said. "But you can't plan for something like that to happen. It just kind of falls into place." The 35-year-old Steelman also won the Tampa Bay Championship last season. He missed the cuts in his previous four starts on tour. "I had 10 one-putts in a row," Steelman said.



Kevin Steelman holds the trophy after winning the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., Sunday, June 22, 2014. Steelman finished his round with seven straight birdies to win the tournament at 15-under par.

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"That's something I've definitely never done before." Sergio Garcia and K.J. Choi tied for second. They each shot 67.

Aaron Baddeley was fourth at 13 under after a 69.

Steelman was 1 over for

the day before starting the birdie run on No. 12. The streak reached five with a 37-foot putt at No. 16, and he capped it by hitting a wedge to 9 feet and rolling in another putt at No. 18.

"I knew when that putt fell

on 16 that something kind of special was happening," he said.

Steelman said he hasn't focus on golf exclusively lately, trying to spend more time with wife Courtney and 6-month-old daughter Sophie.

"I was thinking about her (Sophie) on those last couple of putts. I was thinking, 'You know what? If these go in, great. If not, great. She's going to love me either way and we have a nice family vacation coming up either way,'" Steelman said.

Garcia has six top-10 finishes in 10 PGA Tour starts this season, and won the European Tour's Qatar Masters in January.

"At the end of the day he played really, really well," Garcia said about Steelman. "I feel like I played quite nicely and it just

wasn't my time."

For the sixth straight year at the Travelers the player who held the 54-hole lead was unable to win. Ryan Moore was one stroke ahead after three rounds, but closed with a 71 to tie for fifth at 12 under.

Second-round leader Scott Langley birdied his first three holes and briefly pulled into the lead at 14 under. He, too, finished with a 71 to tie for 11th at 10 under.

Miguel Angel Carballo became the second player to make three eagles in a round on the PGA Tour this season as part of a 63 early Saturday. He finished at 9 under. Patrick Rodgers, the former Stanford star making his pro debut, shot a 70 to tie for 46th at 4 under.

Ken Duke, the winner last year, had a 68 to also finish at 4 under. □

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What a journey for Wie, who now has four career victories — all in North America, the first on the U.S. mainland — and moved to the top of the LPGA money list after winning the biggest event in women's golf.

She has been one of the biggest stars in women's golf since she was 13 and played in the final group of a major. Her popularity soared along with criticism when she competed against the men on the PGA Tour while still in high school and talked about wanting to play in the Masters.

That seems like a lifetime ago. Wie is all grown up, a Stanford graduate, popular among pros of both genders and now a major champion.

"Oh my God, I can't believe this is happening," Wie said.

It almost didn't. Just like her so much of her life, the path included a sharp twist no one saw coming. Wie started the final round tied with Amy Yang, took the lead when Yang made double bogey on No. 2 and didn't let anyone catch her the rest of

the day.

In trouble on the tough fourth hole, she got up-and-down from 135 yards with a shot into 3 feet. Right when Lewis was making a big run, Wie answered by ripping a drive on the shortened par-5 10th and hitting a cut 8-iron into 10 feet for eagle and a four-shot lead.

She had not made a bogey since the first hole — and then it all nearly unraveled.

From a fairway bunker on the 16th, holding a three-shot lead, she stayed aggressive and hit hybrid from the sand. After a three-minute search, the ball was found in a wire-grass bush that caused her to take a penalty drop behind her in the fairway. She chipped on to about 35 feet and rapped her bogey putt 5 feet past the hole.

Miss it and she would be tied.

Bent over in that tabletop putting stance, she poured it in to avoid her first three-putt of the week. Smiling as she left the green, even though her lead was down to one, Wie hit 8-iron safely on the 17th green and holed the tough birdie



Michelle Wie poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Sunday, June 22, 2014.

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putt. She pumped her fist, then slammed it twice in succession, a determination rarely seen when she was contending for majors nearly a decade ago as a teen prodigy.

"Obviously, there are moments of doubt in there," Wie said. "But obviously, I had so many people surrounding me. They never lost faith in me. That's pushed me forward."

Wie finished at 2-under 278, the only player to beat par in the second week of championship golf at Pinehurst. Martin Kaymer won by eight

shots last week at 9-under 271, the second-lowest score in U.S. Open history. Lewis got within one shot of the lead with a birdie on No. 13, and after two bogeys, kept her hopes alive by finishing with back-to-back birdies.

"I knew I needed to get out early and post some numbers and make Michelle Wie earn it," Lewis said.

Stephanie Meadow of Northern Ireland made her pro debut by closing with a 69 to finish alone in third, earning \$271,373. That should be enough to

secure her LPGA Tour card for next season. Yang never recovered from her bad start and closed with a 74 to finish fourth.

Juli Inkster never got going, either. The 53-year-old Hall of Famer, playing in her 35th and final U.S. Women's Open, started four shots out of the lead and didn't make a birdie until the eighth hole. She closed with a 75 and tied for 15th.

She received a standing ovation walking up the 18th green, a remarkable career that includes three straight U.S. Amateur titles, two majors as a rookie, two daughters, and then seven more majors for the career Grand Slam.

"They were so pulling for me, but it's really hard to acknowledge them when you're 5-over par and struggling," Inkster said. "It was very nice, especially the reception on No. 1 tee and the reception on 18, and all around the golf course. It was great — very, very, very honored." And she was thrilled for Wie, who has endured already so much for someone so young. Wie is the same age as Annika Sorenstam when the Swede won her first major. □



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Carl Edwards race to 1st career road course win

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
SONOMA, California (AP)

— Carl Edwards ended Hendrick Motorsports' five-race winning streak with his first career victory on a road course.

Edwards sailed past Marcos Ambrose on a restart with 25 laps remaining to win Sunday at Sonoma Raceway. Edwards had never finished higher than third at Sonoma.

The win in a Ford for the Roush Fenway Racing driver ended a string of Hendrick victories that began with Jeff Gordon at Kansas on May 10. Hendrick drivers also won at Charlotte, Dover, Pocono and Michigan. It was the second win of the season for Edwards and locks him into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The win also came a week after Roush was shut out at Michigan, where the organization failed to put a car in the top 10 for the first time since 2000.

Edwards took the lead on a restart with 25 laps remaining and seemed to have the win wrapped up, but Gordon nearly chased him down on the final lap. Gordon, a five-time Sonoma winner, had one good look at Edwards and couldn't pull off the pass.

"That's the best I've got and it almost wasn't good enough," Edwards said. "That last lap was ugly. I grew up watching Jeff Gordon do well here, so to have him in my mirror, that is very special."

It wasn't a terrible day for the Hendrick organization, which had won every Sprint Cup Series race since Jeff Gordon's victory at Kansas on May 10. Instead,

HMS settled for all four of its drivers finishing in the top seven.

Gordon, the Sprint Cup Series points leader, wound up second. He said he made one mistake in over-driving a turn with about five laps to go that allowed Edwards to build a healthy lead.

"I just couldn't put enough pressure on him," Gordon said. "I think had I put some more pressure on him, I saw him really struggling with the (tire) grip level, but he did everything he needed to do. That last lap, I gave it my best effort and closed up on him and he didn't overdrive it. I was hoping he might slide up and I'd get a run on him."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was third after rallying from an earlier incident that wrecked Matt Kenseth, and was apologetic on the radio and after the race.

"I tried to screw it up a couple times in the race, but I calmed down and was able to get a good finish," Earnhardt said after his career-best finish on a road course. "I got into Matt, I jumped a curb and jumped into the air and just ran into him. Totally my fault. I hope he's not sore with me."

Kasey Kahne bounced back from an early flat tire to finish sixth and Jimmie Johnson was seventh.

In all, Chevrolet drivers took spots two through seven as pole-sitter Jamie McMurray, using a Hendrick engine, finished fourth and Paul Menard was fifth.

Fords rounded out the top 10, led by Edwards, Marcos Ambrose eighth and Roush driver Greg Biffle was 10th. The highest-finishing Toyota

was Clint Bowyer in 11th. Edwards' win is his first career victory on a road course, and he'd never been higher than third at Sonoma. More important, it was his second win of this season and locks him into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. Crew chief Jimmy Fennig said the race played into their hands after pitting with 40 to go and then a caution came out and Fennig made the call to not bring Edwards in a second time under yellow. The strategy moved Edwards toward the front of the field and he moved his way to the front. □



Carl Edwards holds up his trophy after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Sonoma, Calif. Edwards won the race and Jeff Gordon finished second. Associated Press



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Ronaldo helps Portugal earn 2-2 draw against U.S.

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

MANAUS, Brazil (AP) — With Cristiano Ronaldo on the field, a one-goal lead is never safe.

The world player of the year rarely sparked on a hot and humid night in the jungle, but his inch-perfect stoppage-time cross set up Varela for the equalizing goal Sunday in Portugal's 2-2 draw against the United States at the World Cup.

The Real Madrid winger, who has been playing despite a left knee injury, showed flashes of his best, but his impact was minimal until the final seconds of the match. He curled the ball in to a diving Varela, who headed past Tim Howard to give the Portuguese team a slim hope of advancing to the second round and deny the Americans instant advancement.

"He made a great cross," said Howard, Ronaldo's former teammate from their days at Manchester United. "Football's cruel sometimes."

The United States now has four points in Group G, the same as Germany. Both Portugal and Ghana have one point. The Americans will face Germany on Thursday in Recife, while Portugal takes on Ghana at the same time in Brasilia.

"Obviously we're disap-



Portugal's Silvestre Varela heads the ball past United States' goalkeeper Tim Howard to score his side's second goal and tie the game 2-2 during the group G World Cup soccer match between the USA and Portugal at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil, Sunday, June 22, 2014.

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pointed, but at the end of the day you've got to look at the positives, we got a point," said United States captain Clint Dempsey, who scored to give the Americans a 2-1 lead in the 81st. "It's going down to the last game and hopefully we get the job done."

Nani scored first for Portugal, shooting past a sprawling Howard in the fifth minute. But the Americans responded in the second half as Portugal seemed to wilt in the stifling heat.

Jermaine Jones made it 1-1 with a curling shot in the 64th after a cross from Graham Zusi made its way through the Portugal defense. And Dempsey, playing with a broken nose, then put the Americans ahead, using his stomach to direct the ball into the net from a cross by Zusi.

"Now we have to go out and beat Germany, that's what we have to do," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "We have to play Germany, we have one less

day to recover, we played in the Amazon, they played on a place with less travel. We have to do it the tough way."

Dempsey's goal was his fourth at a World Cup and second at this year's tournament. Jones scored his third goal for the United States national team and first in almost two years.

It was all Portugal for much of the first half, with Ronaldo in the starting lineup but getting less involved as the match progressed. The

Americans, however, started to get more and more chances and even had a shot from Michael Bradley cleared off the line by Ricardo Costa in the 55th.

"There didn't seem to be any problem with Cristiano Ronaldo," Portugal coach Paulo Bento said. "What happened during the game has something to do with our other players."

The heat in the Amazon rainforest, however, seemed to slow the Portuguese as the match wore on.

In the 39th minute, referee Nestor Pitana on Argentina called for a cooling break, the first such decision to be taken at the World Cup.

At the start of the match, FIFA listed the temperature at 30 degrees C (86 degrees F) with 66 percent humidity. FIFA uses the "Wet Bulb Globe Temperature" to determine when official cooling breaks should be added, and says the WGBT must be above 32 degrees C (90 degrees F) for them to be considered.

The breaks are supposed to occur in the 30th and 75th minutes. There was no break in the second half, but that didn't stop Ronaldo from creating the final goal.

"It was a thriller," Klinsmann said. "Everybody who had a chance to be today in Manaus will talk about this game for a long time." □



South Korea's Kim Shin-wook kneels on the pitch after Algeria's 4-2 victory over South Korea during the group H World Cup soccer match between South Korea and Algeria at the Estadio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, Brazil, Sunday, June 22, 2014.

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AP Sports Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — At midway point, the World Cup went from bad to worse for Asia and the tour-

namment's next host, Russia. But it went from great to even better for spectators hankering for goals. South Korea teeters on the verge of elimination

Asia having a terrible World Cup; Russia too

after losing 4-2 to Algeria on Sunday. Asia is now at real risk of having no team in the next knockout round of football's showcase.

One of the four Asian nations — Australia — is already sure to be going home, regardless of whether it wins its last match against dethroned champion Spain.

Iran, Japan and Korea could follow Australia out the door, even if they win their last matches. Korea's loss worsened Asian teams' already dismal record to: played eight games, won none, after 11 days of competition, Russia's hopes of moving

to the knockout stages were also diminished by its 1-0 loss Sunday to Belgium in Rio de Janeiro. Belgium became the sixth country to qualify for the next stage. The others so far are the Netherlands, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica and Argentina. Cameroon, Bosnia, Australia, Spain and England are definitely out.

Russia will host the 2018 World Cup.

Midway through, the statistics are proving what spectators are fathoming out for themselves: this tournament in the spiritual home of football is far more watchable than the

last one in South Africa, with many more goals and half as many draws than at the same stage in 2010.

The 4-2 Algeria-Korea score-fest in Porto Alegre in southern Brazil was the tenth game — nearly one third of the total so far — to see four goals or more. The goal total for the tournament ahead USA-Portugal later Sunday has now climbed to 90.

In South Africa, the first 32 matches produced 67 goals, seven of them scored by Portugal in just one match against North Korea, and 10 draws. In Brazil, there have been just five draws so far. □

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AL Capsules

Uehara blows save, Ortiz HR lifts Red Sox

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, California (AP) — David Ortiz hit a leadoff home run in the 10th inning as the Boston Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 7-6 on Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep.

Ortiz was the only Boston starter without a hit until lining a 1-2 pitch from Fernando Abad (2-3) over the wall in left-center.

The Red Sox had to go extra innings after letting a 6-1 lead slip away. The A's scored three runs in the eighth, then Stephen Vogt and pinch-hitter John Jaso homered in the ninth against Koji Uehara (3-1). The closer had converted 31 consecutive save opportunities dating to 2013.

The A's had won five straight before Ortiz's 17th homer bailed out Boston's bullpen.

Mike Napoli and David Ross also homered for Boston, which had been limited to two runs or fewer in eight straight games.

ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Tillman allowed four hits over seven innings as the Baltimore Orioles handed Yankees ace Masahiro Tanaka his second major league loss.

Jonathan Schoop homered off Tanaka (11-2) for the second time and fellow rookie Caleb Joseph capped the scoring with his first career homer. J.J. Hardy hit a three-run double for the Orioles, who spoiled Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium and took two of three from their AL East rivals.

New York slugger Mark Teixeira left in the eighth after getting hit on his left foot by an 85 mph slider from T.J. McFarland. Teixeira hobbled toward first, then slammed his helmet to the ground in anger before heading into the dugout. X-rays were negative, manager Joe Girardi said.

Tillman (6-4) snapped a two-start skid, though he pitched well in those outings, and improved to 6-0 on the road — though he entered with a 6.33 ERA away from home.

TIGERS 10, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Max Scherzer pitched six strong innings, and Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs as the Detroit Tigers beat Cleveland for a three-

game sweep.

The Tigers, swept in a three-game series at Progressive Field last month, have won four in a row overall.

Scherzer (9-3) bounced back from one of the worst outings of his career. The reigning AL Cy Young winner allowed 10 runs in four innings against Kansas City on Tuesday. Cabrera hit his 13th homer in the

past 26 games, including five wins in seven games against Houston.

Juan Carlos Oviedo (3-2) got two outs in the sixth for the win. Joel Peralta pitched the ninth for his first save.

ROYALS 2, MARINERS 1

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Rookie Roenis Elias pitched neatly into the seventh inning and Mike Zunino homered as the Seattle

tie.

Fernando Rodney, pitching for the fourth straight day, earned his 21st save in 23 chances.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joe Mauer had two hits and two RBIs as the Minnesota Twins complete their first four-game sweep against the White Sox in 20 years.

Anthony Swarzak and Casey Fien



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, hits a game-winning home run against the Oakland Athletics during the tenth inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Oakland, Calif. Athletics catcher Derek Norris, left, looks on.

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first off Josh Tomlin (4-5), added an RBI single in the third and drove in a run with a grounder in the fifth when Detroit scored seven times.

RAYS 5, ASTROS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Yunel Escobar drove in two runs during a three-run sixth inning as the Tampa Bay Rays beat Houston.

Escobar hit a two-run single and Sean Rodriguez had an RBI grounder off Dallas Keuchel (8-5) to give the Rays a 4-2 lead in the sixth. The Rays are 8-18 over their

Mariners defeated Kansas City for a three-game sweep.

After winning 10 straight to move into first place in the AL Central, the Royals have dropped four in a row, three of them by 2-1 scores. Elias (7-5), a 25-year-old left-hander from Cuba, limited the Royals to one run and five singles over 6 2-3 innings.

Zunino hit his ninth home run, tops among AL catchers. He connected off Yordano Ventura (5-6) leading off the seventh to break a 1-all

combined for three shutout innings of relief and Jared Burton earned his first save since May 30, 2013, with a perfect ninth.

Gordon Beckham and Jose Abreu had two RBIs apiece for the White Sox, who have lost eight straight games against AL Central rivals. The Twins last swept Chicago in a four-game series June 9-12, 1994. Phil Hughes (8-3) lasted just five innings but got the win. In his last eight starts versus the Twins, John Danks (6-6) is 0-6 with a 6.18 ERA. □

Wimbledon at a glance

LONDON (AP) — A look at Wimbledon, the year's third Grand Slam tennis tournament:

Surface: Grass courts.

Site: The All England Lawn Tennis Club.

Schedule: Play begins Monday. The women's singles final is July 5; the men's singles final is July 6. There are no matches scheduled for the two-week tournament's middle Sunday, June 29.

2013 Men's Singles Champion: Andy Murray of Britain.

2013 Women's Singles Champion: Marion Bartoli of France.

Last Year: Murray ended the host country's 77-year wait by becoming the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win Wimbledon, beating Novak Djokovic 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

Hitting with two hands off both wings, seeded only 15th, and without a title from any tournament in more than 1 1/2 years, Bartoli beat Sabine Lisicki 6-1, 6-4. It was Bartoli's first



In this July 6, 2013 file photo, Marion Bartoli, of France, smiles as she holds the trophy after winning the women's singles final against Sabine Lisicki, of Germany, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

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Grand Slam trophy — and her last, because less than six weeks later, she surprisingly announced her retirement at age 28, saying her "body was really starting to fall apart."

On Court Monday: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. Andrey Golubev, No. 3 Andy Murray vs. David Goffin, No. 6 Tomas Berdych vs. Victor Hanesescu, No. 11 Grigor

Dimitrov vs. Ryan Harrison; No. 2 Li Na vs. Paula Kania, No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. Andreea Mitu, No. 6 Petra Kvitova vs. Andrea Hlavackova, No. 8 Victoria Azarenka vs. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, No. 30 Venus Williams vs. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor.

Monday's Forecast: Cloudy, with a high of 73 degrees (23 Celsius). □



Tom Lehman kisses the trophy after winning the Encompass Championship golf tournament in Glenview, Ill., Sunday, June 22, 2014. Lehman finished at 15-under par.

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Tom Lehman wins Champions Tour event

TIM CRONIN

Associated Press

GLENVIEW, Illinois (AP) — Tom Lehman made a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday to win the Champions Tour's Encompass Championship.

The 55-year-old Lehman closed with a 2-under 70 at North Shore and had a 15-under 201 total for his eighth senior title and first since 2012. He rebounded from bogeys on Nos. 13 and 14 — his only dropped strokes of the week — with birdies on Nos. 15 and 16, then parred the 17th and won on the par-4 18th.

"It wasn't my very best performance today, but it was good enough," Lehman said.

Michael Allen and Kirk Triplett tied for second, a stroke back. Allen shot 67, and Triplett had a 68.

Lehman, the 1996 British Open winner, opened with rounds of 65 and 66 to take a three-stroke lead into the final round. He ended a 27-event victory drought. Lehman parred the first 11 holes before birdieing No.

12.

Triplett birdied the first, sixth, 13th and 16th holes in his bogey-free round. His approach on the final hole stopped in the back fringe. He missed a 20-foot birdie attempt.

Allen birdied three of the last four holes, with his approach on 18 hitting the flagstick and stopping 4 inches from the cup.

Doug Garwood was fourth at 13 under after a 66. He played the first 10 holes in 4 under and briefly grabbed a share of the lead at 13 under with an eagle on the 16th hole, but three-putted for bogey on the 17th to fall back. Russ Cochran took advantage of a swing adjustment to shoot the best round of the tournament, an 8-under 64 that left him in a tie for sixth at 10 under. "I got up on my toes more," Cochran said. "Seems like a little thing, but it seemed like it did the trick."

Colin Montgomerie was 10 under after a 70.

Hale Irwin matched his age with a 69 to tie for 39th at 3 under. □

Rui Costa wins 3rd straight Tour de Suisse

SAAS-FEE, Switzerland (AP) — World road champion Rui Costa won his third straight Tour de Suisse on Sunday after clinching the ninth and final stage.

The 27-year-old Portuguese made his move with 2.4 kilometers (1.5 miles) of the 156.7-kilometer mountainous stage to go. Costa finished 14 seconds ahead of Dutch cyclist Bauke Mollema and 24 seconds in front of Switzerland's Mathias Frank.

"What a wonderful day; stage and overall classification victory. I could not have asked for a better end," said Costa after winning his first event this season. "No one had ever won Tour de Suisse three times in a row. I'm proud I'm the first one to do it."

Frank was second overall, 33 seconds behind Costa,

with third-placed Mollema 50 seconds off the pace in the 78th edition of the race.

Costa, of the Lampre-Merida team, started the day in third, 1 minute, 5 seconds behind time trial world champion Tony Martin of Germany, who had been leading since the opening stage.

Martin was unable to respond when the leading group made its break with 48 kilometers to go and the Omega Pharma-QuickStep rider finished in a group 2:18 behind Costa.

"I was strong enough to maybe win this year," Martin said. "But at the end it was difficult when co-operation within the chase group wasn't there and we had a team here focused on the stages and the sprints." □



Winner of the 78th Tour de Suisse, Portugal's Rui Alberto Costa, of team Lampre Merida, celebrates on the podium after the 9. stage, a 156.7 km race, from Martigny to Saas-Fee, at the 78th Tour de Suisse UCI ProTour cycling race, in Saas-Fee, Switzerland, Sunday, June 22, 2014.

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U.S. gov't moves to ban drones in 400 national parks

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. National Park Service is taking steps to ban drones from 84 million acres (34 million hectares) of public lands and waterways, saying the unmanned aircraft annoy visitors, harass wildlife and threaten safety.

Jonathan Jarvis, the park service's director, told The Associated Press he doesn't want drones flushing birds from their nests, hovering over rock climbers as they cling to the sides of cliffs or buzzing across the face of Mount Rushmore.

Jarvis said he would sign a policy memorandum on Friday directing superintendents of the service's 401 parks to write rules prohibiting the launching, landing or operation of unmanned aircraft in their parks.

Unmanned aircraft range from no bigger than a hummingbird to the size of an airliner, and their capabilities are improving

rapidly. Use is growing as their price tags decline. The park service wants to get out in front of that by putting in rules place now, Jarvis said.

Two large national parks, Grand Canyon in Arizona and Zion in Utah, have already changed their rules

tions unique to that park — if a ban is to be enforceable.

At Yosemite National Park in California, where officials announced last month they would adopt a policy prohibiting drone flights, hobbyists have been using unmanned aircraft to

craft was seen harassing bighorn sheep and causing youngsters to become separated from their herd. At Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, park rangers last September confiscated an unmanned aircraft after it flew above 1,500 visitors seated in an

over others. They also say many unmanned aircraft flights are made without incident and with respect for other park users and wildlife. The memorandum directs superintendents to continue to allow model aircraft hobbyists and clubs that already have approval to operate in some parks to continue to do so. Also, parks can continue to grant permits for drone flights for other purposes like research, search and rescue, and firefighting, he said. Commercial operators like moviemakers can also apply for a permit to operate a drone, he said. While parks are changing their individual rules, the park service will be drafting its own rule to ban drone flights in parks nationwide, he said. Jarvis said he hopes to have a proposal ready in about 18 months.

The ban only affects what Jarvis described as "operations inside parks," and not high altitude flights over parks. □



This Oct. 22, 2012 FILE photo shows view from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. The Associated Press

to ban drones. Some other parks have interpreted existing regulations to permit them to ban drone flights, but Jarvis said each park must change its "compendium" — a set of regula-

film the park's famous waterfalls and capture close-up shots of climbers on its granite cliffs. Zion officials were spurred to take action after an incident in which an unmanned air-

amphitheater and then over the heads of four U.S. presidents carved into the mountain. Some drone operators have complained that a ban favors some park users

Soccer interactions dwarf other events on Facebook

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Through one week of the World Cup, Facebook has already seen more people having more interactions about the tournament on the social media site than it had for the Sochi Olympics, Super Bowl and Academy Awards combined.

A total of 141 million people have commented about, "liked" or shared posts on Facebook about the World Cup, the company said Friday. There have been 459 million different interactions on it.

Much of the action is international: 85 percent of the people talking about

the World Cup on Facebook are from outside of the United States. There are 1.28 billion people on Facebook worldwide, 80 percent of them living outside the U.S.

"We always see a large level of conversation on Facebook around big sporting events," said Justin Osofsky, the company's vice president of global operations and media partnerships. "But what we're witnessing around the World Cup has been extraordinary."

By contrast, the Super Bowl engaged some 50 million people on Facebook, the Sochi games 45 million people and the Oscars

11.3 million people, the social media site said.

Facebook has targeted the World Cup as part of its effort to become a site with more real-time conversation and news distribution around big events, functions where many people think of Twitter first. Facebook is promoting World Cup-related hashtags and has a special World Cup-related section that collects celebrity-related posts.

A photo posted by Pitbull, who performed at the opening ceremonies, has received more than 1.2 million interactions, as has a photo posted by Brazilian soccer star Neymar, Face-



This June 16, 2014 file photo shows Brazil's Neymar smiling as he holds out his arms during a training session at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil. Associated Press

book said. Facebook is also working with other media outlets to increase its exposure. One of the most prominent is Univision, the broadcaster with the Spanish-language rights to telecast the World Cup in the United States, which is featuring details

about Facebook postings on its telecast. For CNN International, Facebook is constantly measuring what topics surrounding the World Cup are getting the most attention.

"In a fundamental sense, we're just getting started," Osofsky said. □

Street Beat:

Energetic markets pushing toward milestones

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market is back to setting records.

After treading water for most of March and April, stocks are nudging deeper into record territory and are closing in on milestones with lots of zeros attached to them. The Dow Jones industrial average is within 53 points of 17,000 while the Standard & Poor's 500 is just shy of 2,000 after rising 6 percent this year.

A harsh winter in the U.S. that hobbled growth made investors cautious. There were also worries about the conflict in Ukraine and slowing growth in China, the world's second-biggest economy. But now the economy appears to be on track again, and investors are rediscovering their appetite for stocks. While 17,000 would be the first 1,000-point marker crested this year, the Dow had two in 2013. It closed above 15,000 for the first time on May 7, then above 16,000 on Nov. 21, during a year when the blue-chip index rocketed 27 percent. That double milestone was a long time coming, though. The Dow had finished above 14,000 six years earlier, in July 2007, just before the Great Recession.

In 2014, here are some of the factors driving stocks toward new milestones:

THE ECONOMY:

Recent good news on manufacturing and hiring has boosted confidence in the economy.

Manufacturing is expanding at a healthy pace, and the service industry continues to grow, according to surveys released by the Institute for Supply Management earlier this month.

U.S. employers added 217,000 jobs to their payrolls in May, the fourth consecutive month of solid job gains. The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits has also dropped close to the levels seen before the recession

began in December 2007. More jobs should put more money into consumers' pockets. That leads to greater demand and greater investment by companies, creating a virtuous circle, says Brad Sorensen, director of market

the company that it's buying, and if there are multiple bidders, prices are pushed even higher.

The battle for Hillshire Brands, maker of Jimmy Dean sausages, is a good example. Tyson Foods won a bidding war to buy Hill-

courage lending.

When people expect lower prices, or deflation, they tend to put off purchases and investment, choking off growth. That is a disaster scenario the ECB wants to make sure does not happen.



Nicholas Brigandi, right, managing director of NYSE floor operations, works with traders at the post that handles Enservco Corp., on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. After treading water for most of March and April, stocks are nudging deeper into record territory and are closing in on milestones with lots of zeros attached to them.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

and sector research for Charles Schwab.

"It's in the early stages, but we're starting to finally see a snowball effect where everything builds on itself," Sorensen says.

Corporate profits are also rising. Earnings reports start to come in next month, and investors expect that second-quarter profits at U.S. companies will be up 5.4 percent from a year ago, according to FactSet.

MORE MERGERS:

The market for mergers and acquisitions is heating up. Although the number of corporate deals is marginally lower than it was at this point last year, the transactions getting done are bigger.

The value of corporate deals has surged 62 percent to \$798 billion this year, from \$494 billion a year ago, even though the number of acquisitions is about 3 percent lower than last year, according to Dealogic.

M&A deals lift stock prices because the acquirer typically pays a premium for

shire for \$8.6 billion on Monday. The company ended up paying \$63 a share for the food company about two weeks after rival poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride made an initial bid of \$45 a share. Before the bidding had started, Hillshire's stock was trading at about \$37. Comcast's \$45 billion deal to buy Time Warner Cable, and AT&T's bid for DirecTV are among other big deals this year, and online travel company Priceline said recently it was buying the online restaurant reservation company OpenTable for \$2.6 billion.

MORE CENTRAL BANK STIMULUS:

Central banks around the world are stepping in to bolster struggling national economies. The latest big move came in Europe, when The European Central Bank cut interest rates and said it was ready to pump more money into the region's financial system two weeks ago. The bank wants to head off falling prices in the 18 countries that use the euro and en-

ECB President Mario Draghi also pledged to do more if it was needed, raising the possibility that the bank will pursue a big Federal Reserve-style bond-buying program in the future. In the U.S., the Fed's bond-buying program has pushed up both bond and stock prices.

As investors anticipated the ECB's move, a chain reaction was unleashed in the world's financial markets.

"Lower rates in Europe are going to tend to drag rates in the U.S. down and that, other things being equal, is going to make equities more attractive," says David Lafferty, chief market strategist at Natixis Global Asset Management, an asset manager.

THE WORLD OUTSIDE

A contraction in China's manufacturing sector rattled stock markets at the start of the year, and other emerging market economies appeared on the brink of turmoil as their currencies plunged against the dollar. □

France agrees to buy 20% of Alstom stake

PARIS (AP) — The final obstacle to GE's \$17 billion takeover of Alstom's power division was overcome Sunday after the French government agreed to terms with the French engineering company's main shareholder.

Economy minister Arnaud Montebourg said on French television that the government will buy a 20-percent stake in Alstom from construction giant Bouygues SA.

The move fulfills his pledge to ensure that the French government would retain a say in jobs and decision-making at the company, which builds power plants and France's famed high-speed TGV trains. He did not comment on the final price of the stake to be bought from Bouygues.

Alstom's board approved GE's offer Saturday, a day after the government withdrew its long-held opposition and threw its support behind the American takeover, with a few conditions. The deal is part of GE's new focus on building and servicing industrial equipment such as aircraft engines, power-plant turbines and oil and gas drilling equipment. The U.S. company sold its remaining interest in NBC Universal last year as part of the shift.

Under the agreement with Alstom, GE agreed to sell its railroad signal business to the French company for about \$825 million. The deal also calls for the companies to set up three 50-50 joint ventures: one for the power grid businesses, another for offshore wind and hydro-power operations, and a third for nuclear steam turbines.

GE has said that if shareholders and workers' representatives sign off on the deal, the acquisition of Alstom's energy unit should close sometime next year. Alstom's statement says the board received revised proposals from Siemens and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, but decided on the GE bid. □

Smart Money:

Unequal inheritances may ignite family squabbles

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Kate's father died when she was in college, but she stayed close to his side of the family. Although she moved to North Carolina after graduation, she and her three siblings returned to New Jersey a couple of times a year to visit her grandmother, aunts and cousins. She called her grandmother frequently until dementia made it impossible for them to communicate.

So when Kate, who asked that her name not be used to protect her family's privacy, learned from a lawyer that her grandmother's estate had been split among her aunts with nothing left to her or her siblings, she thought there had been a mistake. Puzzled, she called the aunt who was the executor of the estate and with whom she had spent vacations as a girl.

"Her response was that my grandmother had wanted to take care of her daughters who had taken care of her for all those years," said Kate, who is 33 and has two children and another on the way. "She wanted to make it clear to me that they did a cognitive test on her before she signed the will."

Unpersuaded, she requested a copy of the will. It turns

out her grandmother, who was suffering from severe Alzheimer's, had signed a will in September 2012 that reaffirmed a 2007 will that split her assets among her five children, with her son's share going to his children. Five days later - and a week before she died - the grandmother signed another will that disinherited her son's children.

"This didn't seem right," Kate said. "This is our birthright. We didn't have our father here to defend us."

That was when she began a painful, prolonged legal battle against her family, which resulted in a financial settlement a few weeks ago. But that money came with financial, emotional and family costs.

What Kate's case shows is both how easy and complicated it is to execute a deathbed disinheritance. John O. McManus, a lawyer in New York who represented Kate and her siblings, said that like many cases contesting wills, this one was not clear-cut. "Should the grandkids get their dad's share? Absolutely," he said. "Were the grandkids without fault? No, they didn't visit Grandma enough."

And it raised common competing issues in these cases: Grandma may have had diminished capacity or been swayed by her



John McManus, founder of McManus & Associates, a trusts and estates law firm, in New York, June 17, 2014. Though unequal inheritance is rare in the United States, it can happen and, when it does, clear communication should be present to help heirs understand why.

(Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times)

daughters, he said. "But judges work very hard to protect individual rights to dispose of their property as they wish."

The bar to overturn a will is high. "The capacity needed to make a will is very low, lower than to enter into a legal contract," said Adam von Poblitz, head of estate planning for Citi Private Bank. "You could have someone who had dementia, but if they had moments of lucidity they could execute a fully valid will." For Kate, it wasn't only about the money but about how her aunts treated her. "They started call-

ing us greedy from the beginning," she said.

So, when do people leave money unequally and still keep the family together?

Cases in which a child has special needs or a disability and will require financial help for a lifetime is one example. Another common one is when a child struggles with addiction. Money for that child can be put in trust to limit access to it.

Unequal inheritance can also be justified when one child earns more than the other or if a child received a lot of financial gifts while the parents were still alive. While it may be easy to

true up the other children for gifts made to one, leaving money unequally to someone based on career choices can be tougher.

"You've got the hedge fund manager and the preschool teacher whose lives are going to play out differently," said Carol Kroch, managing director of wealth and philanthropic planning at Wilmington Trust. "If you talked to them you might get some interesting answers. You might find out the hedge fund manager is afraid of losing his job and really wants to be a nursery schoolteacher." □



Tony Fadell, Founder and CEO of Nest, poses for a portrait in the company's offices in Palo Alto, Calif. Nest Labs announced this weekend that it plans to buy another fast-growing producer of home devices, Dropcam, for \$555 million in cash.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

Google's Nest to acquire home monitoring startup

STEVE LOHR

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Nest Labs, a maker of digital thermostats, announced Friday evening that it planned to buy another fast-growing producer of home devices, Dropcam, for \$555 million in cash.

The deal is another sign of the industry optimism that the emerging market for Internet-connected smart devices in the home is poised for rapid growth. The most striking sign of such enthusiasm is Nest itself, which Google bought this year for \$3.2 billion.

In a brief interview, Matt

Rogers, co-founder of Nest, said, "This is a Nest Labs deal, not a Google deal." Until the acquisition is formally approved, Rogers said, he could not comment on the longer-term plans for Nest and Dropcam.

But he said the two companies shared very similar philosophies toward product development as well as an emphasis on making home gadgets easy to use for consumers.

Dropcam's Internet-connected video cameras are a leading product in the home market, just as Nest has been the breakthrough

product in thermostats.

In a recent interview, Jeff Epstein, vice president for home automation products at Home Depot, said that the recent growth in the smart-home sector had been fueled by innovative entries in product categories that show consumers the benefits. He specifically mentioned Nest in digital thermostats and Dropcam in connected video cameras.

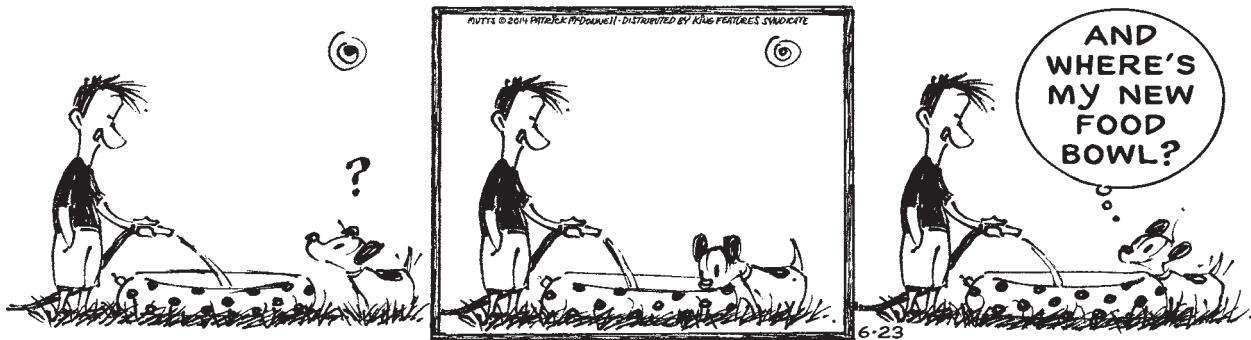
But the Nest and Dropcam products, in different ways, are high-tech sensors that monitor the activity of people in homes, which is potentially sensitive data.

Rogers emphasized that "Dropcam data will not be shared with Google or any third party."

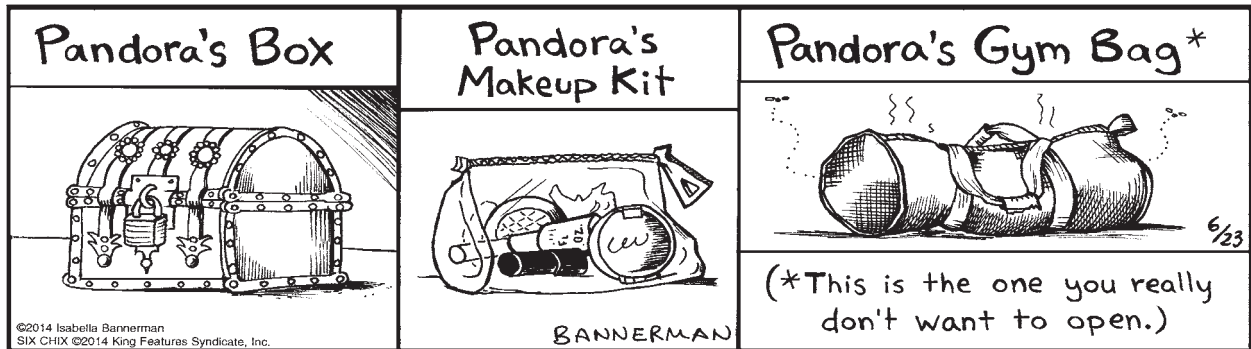
In a blog post explaining the acquisition, Rogers wrote, "Eventually, the plan is for us to work together to reinvent products that will help shape the future of the conscious home and bring our shared vision to more and more people around the world."

"For now though," he added, "not much will change. Dropcam products will still be sold online and in stores. And Dropcam customers will still continue to use their Dropcam accounts." □

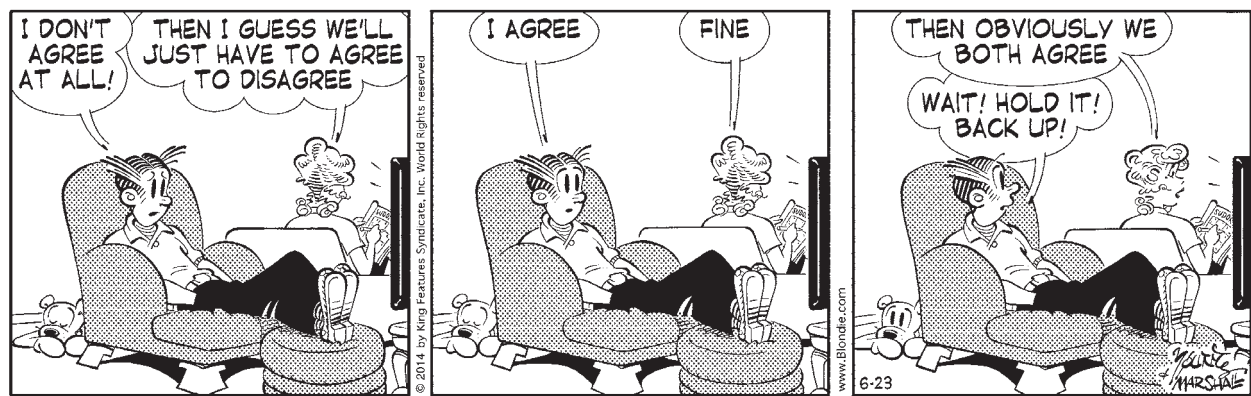
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Entertain
- Lawn trees
- Recedes
- Actor Robards
- Dory or dinghy
- Ark builder
- Give a heads-up to
- Lee; frozen dessert brand
- Contemptible
- Blushed
- Lifted up
- Common metal
- Refuse to recall, as a bad experience
- Bicycle built for two
- Picture portion of a telecast
- Silken band
- Actor Matt
- Unexpected obstacles
- Pistols
- Knocks to the ground
- Letters on a lover's envelope
- Water vapor
- Endures
- Samuel's teacher
- Can wrapper
- Evaded the grasp of
- Grassland
- Cheney or
- Biden, for short
- Leader of the Huns
- Result of a high fever, perhaps
- Iowa export
- Give work to
- "You've be kidding me!"
- Patella's place
- Secure a boat with an anchor
- Loathes
- Stitches
- Dines
- Lovers' meeting

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- Filthy
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- Actor Buddy
- Burden
- Deface; spoil
- Gazed fixedly
- Vicinity; area
- Idaho's capital
- Hay bundles
- Lean-tos
- Wanderer
- Ridicules
- Skating ovals
- Clothing
- Border on
- Reasonable bedtime
- Outspoken
- Free-for-all
- Floored
- Powerful wind
- Slide sideways, as on icy roads
- Soda crackers
- "Magnolias"; Sally Field film

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Injure by rough treatment
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- Scatter
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- Let fall
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Unblinking eyes track employees at work

STEVE LOHR

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A digital Big Brother is coming to work, for better or worse. Advanced technological tools are beginning to make it possible to measure and monitor employees as never before, with the promise of fundamentally changing how we work - along with raising the specter of unchecked surveillance in the workplace.

Through these new means, companies have found, for example, that workers are more productive if they have more social interaction. So a bank's call center introduced a shared 15-minute break, and a pharmaceutical company replaced coffee makers with a larger cafe area. The result? Increased sales and less turnover.

When Jim Sullivan began working as a waiter at a Dallas restaurant a few years ago, he was being watched - not by the prying eyes of a human boss, but by intelligent software. The digital sentinel, he was told, tracked every waiter and every ticket, looking for patterns that might suggest employee theft. But that torrent of detailed information, parsed another way, cast a computer-generated spotlight on the most productive workers. Sullivan's data shone brightly. And when his employer opened a fourth restaurant in the Dallas area in 2012, Sullivan was named the manager.

Still, even people involved in the workplace analytics business say rules governing privacy are needed. Ben Waber is chief executive of Sociometric Solutions, a startup firm that grew out of his doctoral research at MIT's Human Dynamics Laboratory. Sociometric Solutions advises companies using sensor-rich ID badges worn by employees to monitor their communications behavior. Sociometric Solutions is now working with 20 companies in the banking, technology, pharmaceutical and health care industries, involving thousands of



Jim Sullivan, a manager at Bread Winners Cafe, monitors restaurant activity from the back office via a live video feed in Dallas. Abundant data, smart software and cheap sensors are beginning to make it possible to measure and monitor employees as never before.

(Dylan Hollingsworth/The New York Times)

employees.

The workers must opt in to have their data collected. "Privacy policy," Waber said, "is going to have to deal with the workplace and not just the consumer issues."

The underlying theme of human dynamics research is that people are social learners, so arranging work to increase productive face-to-face communication yields measurable benefits. □

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Scientists find 6,200-year-old parasite egg



In this image made available from Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, on Thursday June 19, 2014 shows a skeleton in a grave in northern Syria in 2010. Associated Press

MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — In a skeleton more than 6,200 years old, scientists have found the earliest known evidence of infection with a parasitic worm that now afflicts more than 200 million people worldwide. Archaeologists discovered a parasite egg near the pelvis of a child skeleton in northern Syria and say it

dates back to a time when ancient societies first used irrigation systems to grow crops. Scientists suspect the new farming technique meant people were spending a lot of time wading in warm water — ideal conditions for the parasites to jump into humans. That may have triggered outbreaks of the water-borne flatworm disease known as schistosomiasis.

"The invention of irrigation was a major technological breakthrough (but) it had unintended consequences," said Gil Stein, a professor of Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Chicago, one of the report's authors. "A more reliable food supply came at the cost of more disease," he wrote in an email.

People can catch the flatworm parasite when they are in warm fresh water; the tiny worms are carried by snails and can burrow into human skin. After growing into adult worms, they live in the bladder, kidneys, intestines and elsewhere in the body for years. The parasites can cause symptoms including a fever, rash, abdominal pain, vomiting and paralysis of the legs. These days, the disease can be easily treated with drugs to

kill the worms.

Stein said there was evidence of wheat and barley farming in the town where the skeletons were found and that irrigation might have also spurred outbreaks of other diseases like malaria by creating pools of stagnant water for mosquitoes to breed. Piers Mitchell, another study author, said ancient farming societies could have inadvertently launched the global transmission of the flatworm parasites, which sicken millions of people every year. He said modern irrigation systems are still spreading diseases in developing countries.

"In many parts of Africa, someone clever decides to put in a dam or an artificial water source and then 10 years later, everyone's get-

ting schistosomiasis," Mitchell said.

The research was published online Thursday in the journal *Lancet Infectious Diseases*. Other experts agreed it was likely that irrigation spread parasitic diseases beginning in ancient times.

"Egypt along the Nile was a hotspot for generations because people were crammed into the flood plain and there were probably a lot of people who had low-level (flatworm) infections for their entire lives," said Quentin Bickle, a parasite expert at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "People would have known there was something weird going on but they wouldn't have known what to do about it." □

Headline-grabbing study of cosmos gets a caveat

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NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists who made headlines in March with their research on the early universe are now acknowledging that they may have been mistaken.

In a paper published Thursday, the researchers stood by their initial conclusion — that they had found long-sought evidence for a rapid ballooning of the universe a split-second after its birth.

But they said they could not rule out the possibility that a crucial signal they believe came from deep in the cosmos was actually caused by dust in the Milky Way galaxy. If true, their claim for detecting the evidence of so-called cosmic inflation right after the Big Bang would evaporate. The March announcement was big news because it appeared to provide evidence for the inflation theory, which is widely believed by scientists. The theory says the universe expanded extremely quickly when it was far less

than one-trillionth of a second old.

Using data from a telescope at the South Pole, the research team said it had found a specific pattern in light waves within the faint microwave glow left over from the Big Bang. That pattern had long been considered evidence of inflation. John Kovac of Harvard, leader of the collaboration, called it "the smoking-gun signature of inflation."

But since the announcement, some other scientists have published analyses that suggested the signal may have actually come from Milky Way dust.

Kovac and colleagues said they'd taken the potential effects of Milky Way dust into account, but the other scientists suggested they may have underestimated its effects.

Experts expect that data from upcoming research will help settle the question.

Kovac and colleagues published their paper in the journal *Physical Review Letters*. □



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'Think Like a Man' tops 'Jersey Boys' with \$30M

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Las Vegas ensemble comedy "Think Like a Man Too" topped a slow weekend at the summer box office with \$30 million, besting blockbuster holdovers from last week and Clint Eastwood's new Four Seasons musical "Jersey Boys."

The Kevin Hart sequel "Think Like a Man Too" narrowly edged out "22 Jump Street," which earned \$29 million in its second week of release, according to studio estimates Sunday. The DreamWorks animated film "How to Train Your Dragon 2" slid to third with \$25.3 million.

The top three films are all sequels that moved into the big box-office summer season following surprise hit originals released in the springtime.

Moving into summer's bigger competition actually diminished Sony Screen Gems' "Think Like a Man Too." The first film, also directed by Tim Story and starring mostly the same ensemble led by Hart, opened with \$33.6 million in April 2012.

Warner Bros.' "Jersey Boys," Eastwood's adaptation of the Tony-winning Broadway musical about Frankie Valli's group, opened in fourth with \$13.5 million. The film drew an overwhelmingly older audience, with 71 percent of its moviegoers over the age of 50.

Overall business at the multiplexes was down considerably. "Think Like a Man Too" and "Jersey Boys" pale in comparison to the openings on the same frame last year, when "Monsters University" and "World War Z" led a weekend gross 38 percent higher.

The box office will get a boost next weekend when Paramount's "Transformers: Age of Extinction" opens. The film, the fourth in the franchise and featuring a revamped cast led by Mark Wahlberg, is

expected to be one of the summer's biggest grossers. But this weekend belonged to Sony, which occupied the top two spots. Last summer was rockier for the studio, with disappointments like "After Earth" and "White House Down." Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony, called the chart-topping weekend "a call for celebration."

Bruer said "22 Jump Street," which has made \$38.2 million overseas (a large amount for a comedy), will become one of the biggest R-rated comedies ever worldwide.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, attributed the success of "Think Like a Man Too" to the draw of Hart, even in an ensemble. Following "Ride Along" and "About Last Night," the movie marks the comedian's third film to open with \$25 million or more this year.

"He's a bona fide movie star," Dergarabedian said. "He's versatile, he's so well liked and he's super funny. Talking about what actors are bankable and consistent, he's right there in that group."

"Jersey Boys," while made for a relatively little \$40 million, performed weakly despite the broad popularity of the musical. While Eastwood's prestige attracted many moviegoers, the R-rated film didn't feature stars aside from Christopher Walken and drew mixed reviews. It performed similarly to jukebox musical "Rock of Ages," which opened with \$14.4 million in summer 2012.

Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros. still called it a "really good result" that will provide counter-programming for older moviegoers amid the summer blockbusters. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. □



This photo released by Sony Pictures shows Kevin Hart, left, as Cedric in a scene from Screen Gems' "Think Like A Man Too." Associated Press

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Seeger honored at 1st folk festival since he died

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CROTON-ON-HUDSON,
New York (AP) — Music luminaries honored Pete Seeger on the shore of the Hudson River at Saturday's Clearwater Festival, the first of the annual music and environmental program he started to be held after his death.

Folk artists Tom Paxton, Tom Chapin, Holly Near, Dar Williams and others performed together to honor Seeger, who died in January at age 94. Sets were planned to focus on the music of the Weavers and Almanac Singers, both bands that featured Seeger, and highlighting the banjo, which Seeger frequently picked in concert.

Lucinda Williams, Rufus Wainwright, Richard Thompson, the Mavericks, Norah Jones and Josh Rit-

ter are among the headliners at the two-day festival expected to draw around 25,000 people.

"It's up to us to pass the music on as he intended," Chapin sang in a verse written for the occasion in his song, "One Voice." Seeger began hosting "folk picnics" in the 1960s to pay for building a boat that would travel on the Hudson to highlight environmental issues. Seeger and his wife, Toshi, who died last July, lived in nearby Beacon, in a home with a spectacular view of a bend in the river. The informal fundraising concerts became the Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival in 1978. In recent years, it has settled in a park jutting into the river in this community 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of New York City and has modernized beyond its folkie roots. With the strong



This Sept. 21, 2013, file photo shows Pete Seeger performing on stage during the Farm Aid 2013 concert at Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Associated Press

lineup, Seeger remembrances and sunny skies, organizers were expecting their biggest crowd ever. Chapin opened the tribute by singing "Midnight Special," a folk song recorded by Seeger and others. Before singing "Rainbow Race," Near urged the au-

dience to remember how Seeger "walked into controversy and made us understand how to do that." Paxton recalled summoning the nerve to sing his song "Ramblin' Boy" to Seeger in 1963. Two weeks later Seeger performed it with the Weavers at Carn-

egie Hall, and the song later became the title song to Paxton's first album. Chapin led the audience in a singalong to Seeger's popular anti-war song "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

Beyond the collection of folkies, organizer Steve Lurie said several festival events were designed with Seeger in mind. They include an old-fashioned square dance like the one where Pete and Toshi Seeger met. One music set was to feature songs Seeger wrote in honor of Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War.

"My hope is that people who have already been part of the Clearwater community feel a sense of renewal," Lurie said. "I hope people attending for the first time realize we're not just a music festival, we're a music and environmental festival and ... they learn a little bit about the mission." □

Katie Couric marries financier in Hamptons



In this May 6, 2013, file photo, TV personality Katie Couric, left, and John Molner attend The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit celebrating "PUNK: Chaos to Couture" in New York.

Associated Press

EAST HAMPTON, New York (AP) — Katie Couric has married a New York financier in a small ceremony at her East Hampton home.

People magazine reports the former "Today" talk show host and John Molner took the vows on Saturday in front of 50 guests. The 51-year-old Molner is a partner at investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman overseeing mergers and acquisitions for the firm's corporate clients.

He proposed to the 57-year-old Couric last September after nearly two years of dating. Couric's first husband, Jay Monahan, died in 1998 from colon cancer. She has two grown daughters. Molner has a son and a daughter. Couric hosted her own talk show after leaving "Today" and a five-year run as anchor of the "CBS Evening News." She's now the global anchor for Yahoo News. □

Extra, extra! _ Broadway's 'Newsies' to close



In this photo provided by Disney Theatrical Productions, the cast is shown from the musical "Newsies."

Associated Press

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AP Drama Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Stop the presses: Broadway's "Newsies" is closing. Disney Theatrical Productions said Sunday it will shutter the high-energy musical about newsboys after the Aug. 24 performance, pulling the plug on a 2-year-old show that has earned more than \$100 million over some 1,000

shows but has seen its weekly take dip in recent months.

The bad news for "Newsies" fans may be softened somewhat by details on a North American tour that launches in October and will play 25 cities — including Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Miami and Washington, D.C. — during the 2014-15 season.

"Newsies" is based on the 1899 true story of child newspaper sellers in turn-of-the-century New York who go on strike. A 1992 film, starring Christian Bale, Bill Pullman, Robert Duvall and Ann-Margret, did poorly at the box office but has become something of a cult hit.

The musical, with songs by composer Alan Menken and lyricist Jack Feldman, retains the film's memorable songs "Santa Fe," "The World Will Know," "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day" and "King of New

York," but added a young female reporter to the story and plenty of muscular dancing by cap-wearing, backflipping urchins choreographed by Christopher Gattelli.

The show had a critically acclaimed debut in September 2011 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, New Jersey, and opened on Broadway in March 2012 at the Nederlander Theatre. It won Tony Awards for best score and choreography and recouped its \$5 million investment in just over nine months — faster than any other Disney stage property. In recent months, the musical's box office receipts have softened somewhat from its regular weekly earnings of around \$900,000. It last cracked the \$1 million mark in late May and has been lately reporting totals between \$500,000 and \$600,000, though attendance remains high. □

Veterans and Zombies



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You've surely heard about the scandal at the Department of Veterans Affairs. A number of veterans found themselves waiting a long time for care, some of them died before they were seen, and some of the agency's employees falsified records to cover up the extent of the problem. It's a real scandal; some heads have rolled, but there's surely more to clean up.

But the goings-on at Veterans Affairs shouldn't cause us to lose sight of a much bigger scandal: the almost surreal inefficiency and injustice of the American health care system as a whole. And it's important to understand that the Veterans Affairs scandal, while real, is being hyped out of proportion by people whose real goal is to block reform of the larger system.

The essential, undeniable fact about American health care is how incredibly expensive it is - twice as costly per capita as the French system, 2 1/2 times as expensive as the British system. You might expect all that money to buy results, but the United States actually ranks low on basic measures of performance; we have low life expectancy and high infant mortality, and despite all that spending many people can't get health care when they need it. What's more, Americans seem to realize that they're getting a bad deal: Surveys show a much smaller percentage of the population satisfied with the health system in America than in other countries. And, in America, medical costs often cause financial distress to an extent that doesn't happen in any other advanced nation.

How and why does health care in the United States manage to perform so badly? There have been many studies of the issue, identifying factors that range from high administrative costs, to high drug prices, to excessive testing. The details are fairly complicated, but if you had to identify a common theme behind America's poor performance, it would be that we suffer from an excess of money-driven medicine. Vast amounts of costly paperwork are generated by for-profit insurers always looking for ways to deny payment; high spending on procedures of dubious medical efficacy is driven by the efforts of for-profit hospitals and providers to generate more revenue; high drug costs

are driven by pharmaceutical companies who spend more on advertising and marketing than they do on research.

Other advanced countries don't suffer from comparable problems because private gain is less of an issue. Outside the U.S., the government generally provides health insurance directly or ensures that it's available from tightly regulated nonprofit insurers; often, many hospitals are publicly owned, and many doctors are public employees.

As you might guess, conservatives don't like the observation that American health care performs worse than other countries' systems because it relies too much on the private sector and the profit motive. So whenever someone points out the obvious, there is a chorus of denial, of attempts to claim that America does, too, offer better care. It turns out, however, that such claims invariably end up relying on zombie arguments - that is, arguments that have been proved wrong, should be dead, but keep shambling along because they serve a political purpose.

Which brings us to veterans' care. The system run by the Department of Veterans Affairs is not like the rest of American health care. It is, if you like, an island of socialized medicine, a miniature version of Britain's National Health Service, in a privatized sea. And until the scandal broke, all indications were that it worked very well, providing high-quality care at low cost. No wonder, then, that right-wingers have seized on the scandal, viewing it as - to quote Dr. Ben Carson, a rising conservative star - "a gift from God." So here's what you need to know: It's still true that Veterans Affairs provides excellent care, at low cost. Those waiting lists arise partly because so many veterans want care, but Congress has provided neither clear guidelines on who is entitled to coverage nor sufficient resources to cover all applicants. And, yes, some officials appear to have responded to incentives to reduce waiting times by falsifying data.

Yet, on average, veterans don't appear to wait longer for care than other Americans. And does anyone doubt that many Americans have died while waiting for approval from private insurers?

A scandal is a scandal, and wrongdoing must be punished. But beware of people trying to use the veterans' care scandal to derail health reform.

And here's the thing: Health reform is working. Too many Americans still lack good insurance and hence lack access to health care and protection from high medical costs - but not as many as last year, and next year should be better still. Health costs are still far too high, but their growth has slowed dramatically. We're moving in the right direction, and we shouldn't let the zombies get in our way. □



In the Land of Mass Graves



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Just over two decades ago, Rwanda was swept up in a murderous wave of ethnic violence that was as bad or worse as anything happening today in Iraq and Syria. The conflict was between a historically dominant ethnic minority and a historically oppressed majority, as in Iraq. Yet, today, Rwanda is a relatively successful country. Economic growth has been hovering at about 8 percent a year for the past few years. Since 1994, per capita income has almost tripled. Mortality for children younger than 5 is down by two-thirds. Malaria-related deaths are down 85 percent. Most amazingly, people who 20 years ago were literally murdering each other's family members are now living together in the same villages.

So the question of the day is: Does Rwanda's rebound offer any lessons about how other nations might recover from this sort of murderous sectarian violence, even nations racked by the different sort of Sunni-Shiite violence we're seeing in the Middle East?

Well, one possible lesson from Rwanda is that sectarian bloodletting is not a mass hysteria. It's not an organic mania that sweeps over society like a plague. Instead, murderous sectarian violence is a top-down phenomenon produced within a specific political context.

People don't usually go off de-

capitating each other or committing mass murder just because they hate people in another group. These things happen because soul-dead political leaders are in a struggle for power and use ethnic violence as a tool in that struggle.

If you can sideline those leaders or get the politics functioning, you can reduce the violence dramatically. These situations are gruesome, but they are not hopeless.

A few important things happened in Rwanda:

First, the government established a monopoly of force. In Rwanda, this happened because Paul Kagame won a decisive military victory over his Hutu rivals. He set up a strongman regime that was somewhat enlightened at first but which has grown increasingly repressive over time. He abuses human rights and rules by fear. Those of us who champion democracy might hope that freedom, pluralism and democracy can replace chaos. But the best hope may be along South Korean lines, an authoritarian government that softens over time. Second, the regime, while autocratic, earned some legitimacy. Kagame brought some Hutus into the government, although experts seem to disagree on how much power Hutus actually possess. He also publicly embraced the Singaporean style of autocracy, which has produced tangible economic progress.

This governing style can be extremely paternalistic. It is no longer officially permitted to identify people by their tribal markers (everybody knows anyway). Plastic bags are illegal. The civil service is closely monitored for corruption. In sum, Rwanda is a lousy place to be a journalist because of limits on expression, but the quality of life for the average citizen is improving rapidly.

Third, power has been decentralized. If Iraq survives, it will probably be as a loose federation, with the national government controlling the foreign policy and the army, but the

ethnic regions dominating the parts of government that touch people day to day. Rwanda hasn't gone that far, but it has made some moves in a federalist direction. Local leaders often follow a tradition of imihigo - in which they publicly vow to meet certain concrete performance goals within, say, three years: building a certain number of schools or staffing a certain number of health centers. If they don't meet the goals, they are humiliated and presumably replaced. The process emphasizes local accountability.

Fourth, new constituencies were enfranchised. After the genocide, Rwanda's population was up to 70 percent female. The men were either dead or in exile. Women have been given much more prominent roles in the judiciary and the parliament. Automatically this creates a constituency for the new political order.

Fifth, the atrocities were acknowledged. No post-trauma society has done this perfectly. Rwanda prosecuted the worst killers slowly (almost every pre-civil-war judge was dead). The local trial process was widely criticized. The judicial process has lately been used to target political opponents. But it does seem necessary, if a nation is to move on, to set up a legal process to name what just happened and to mete out justice to the monstrous.

The Iraqi state is much weaker than the Rwandan one, but, even so, this quick survey underlines the wisdom of the approach the Obama administration is gesturing toward in Iraq: Use limited military force to weaken those who are trying to bring in violence from outside; focus most on the political; round up a regional coalition that will pressure Iraqi elites in this post-election moment to form an inclusive new government.

Iraq is looking into an abyss, but the good news is that if you get the political elites behaving decently, you can avoid the worst. Grimly, there's cause for hope. □

In The World of Manners, No Shame, No Gain

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SANTA MONICA, Calif. -

Please let me be on time for the maniacal manners lady. I don't want her to scold me. Please, pretty please, don't let me be late.

You would be nervous, too; Amy Alkon, the author of a syndicated advice column and two books on rudeness and manners, is also known as Emily Postal. The

consider that rude in and of itself. In her new book, "Good Manners for Nice People Who Sometimes Say" a word that The New York Times is too polite to print, Alkon writes that "the spontaneous phone call has largely become rude." (Better to text or email to set up a time.)

I decided to honk my horn. Politely. Alkon, 50, agreed to meet for coffee to discuss her book, which was

scientists, involves theft - the notion that late-night noise, gas-guzzling SUVs and showboating at parties is actually stealing. "Those people are robbing something from the rest of us, whether it's sleep, clean air or attention," Alkon said. "Would you let someone who steals money from you get away without making a peep?"

A peep does not exactly describe what Alkon did a

style has won her loyal readers. Her column, The Advice Goddess, appears every week in roughly 100 publications. And some of her neighbors are quite fond of her, in part because she is so vigilant about protecting their quality of life. "We need more people like Amy," said Reta Moser, a Venice resident who publishes the Triangle Update, a local news site. "She's kind of a

writing about their reaction," he said. "It's despicable and gross."

Alkon sees public shaming as a critical enforcement tool. "There has to be a reputational cost," she said. She calls it "rudensfreude," or the "joy of seeing those who abuse the rest of us called out for what tiny sociopathic little tyrants they are."

But Alkon also concedes that she can go too far. One day, she was working at home with her windows shut when a woman on the street started yelling on a cellphone. "I stomped out onto my porch, glared over my fence at her and hissed, 'I can hear you inside my house,'" she writes in her new book. A shouting match ensued. The woman finally left but not before vandalizing Alkon's mailbox. The lesson: "I don't have perfect manners - nobody does, because this isn't an episode of 'Downton Abbey,'" she said in an interview. "The goal is to improve. In that case, I turned it into an example for how I wouldn't behave in the future."

Cities, in particular, breed rudeness, Alkon maintains, because people are not designed to live in such seas of humanity. "We live in societies that are too big for our brains to handle," she said. "If you are around people you think you will never see again, you are more likely to behave rudely." Los Angeles is especially bad, she said, because its car culture isolates people even further. Alkon grew up in the Detroit suburbs, the eldest of three sisters, and describes her early childhood as torturous - bullying, teasing, few friends. She attended the University of Michigan and New York University. Once in New York, she fit in perfectly with the colorful 1980s-era characters of TriBeCa and SoHo, where she would ride a bike painted with orange and pink leopard spots.

One day in 1988, Alkon and two of her friends thought it would be funny to set up chairs on a street corner and offer free advice. □



Amy Alkon, the author of a syndicated advice column and two books on rudeness and manners, walks across Main Street in Santa Monica, Calif. Alkon's new book, "Good Manners for Nice People Who Sometimes Say" a word that The New York Times is too polite to print, tackles all the usual etiquette questions. (Emily Berl/The New York Times)

residents and shoppers of Abbot Kinney, the trendy Venice retail and restaurant strip, know her as the tall redhead who emerges in an evening dress and a big hat to police behavioral infractions big and small. She is the one who shushes noisy cellphone talkers, started a shaming campaign against people who drive SUVs and posts photos on telephone poles of people who do things like litter. "One of my biggest accomplishments was becoming kind of a bitch," Alkon told me on the phone. "I just hop on my broom." As I sat in traffic, a rivulet of sweat ran down my temple. Should I call to alert her? No, she may

published this month by St. Martin's Griffin and follows a 2009 memoir called "I See Rude People." Her latest tome tackles all the usual etiquette questions. Who pays on a date? The man, at least on the first few outings; a woman, she reasons, typically goes to considerable effort to get ready, while "a guy pretty much just has to run through the sprinklers and shake off." But "Good Manners for Nice People" is also a type of manifesto. Having first-rate manners, Alkon contends, does not always involve going quietly. Her theory, which she backs up by citing studies and interviews with social

few years ago after deciding Range Rovers, Chevy Tahoes and Cadillac Escalades had become a nuisance in her gentrifying neighborhood. She printed cards and tucked them under windshield wipers. They read in part: "Road-hogging, gas-guzzling, air-fouling vulgarian! Clearly you have an extremely small penis, or you wouldn't drive such a monstrosity. For the adequately endowed, there are hybrids or electrics." The cards listed a phone number (since disconnected) on which she continued the rant with a recorded message. "Piggy, piggy, piggy," it started. Alkon's confrontational

neighborhood leader, and other people follow her example to say: "We're going to speak up. We aren't accepting these things." But Alkon has also made a few enemies in sleepy, laid-back Venice. "She is on the edge of completely insane," said Joe O'Brien, a furniture designer who has had multiple run-ins with Alkon on Abbot Kinney, where he used to own a shop called Cabana Joe's. He once left her a voice mail message warning that he planned to call the police; she printed the message in a column with the headline "Hello, Psycho!" "She makes a living by disturbing people and then